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1796
3^d M^o
At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders
held at New Bedford for Dartm. &
New Bedford Monthly meetings, the
18th of the 3^d M^o 1796.

The Representatives report that
they all attended the last Select
quarterly meeting.

The Queries were read and An-
swers prepared to them, which with
an account thereof was signed by
the Clerk.

Joseph Tucker, Will^m Rotch and
Deborah Davis, are appointed Re-
presentatives to the Select Quarterly
meeting, they to report to our next
meeting.

The Business of this Meeting being
accomplished we conclude and adjourn
to the 16th Day of the week, next pre-
ceding our next Quarterly meeting.
then

1796.

3rd.

C. W.

then to meet at Bedford.

At a Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford for Dartm. and New Bedford W. meetings the 24th of the 6th month 1796.

The Representatives to the last Quarterly meeting, report that they all attended.

The Queries were read, and Answers prepared, which with an acc^u. thereof were directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting.

We appoint Benjamin Taber, Caleb Greene & Joseph Tucker to attend the Quarterly Select meeting as Representatives.

The Business being accomplished we conclude and adjourn to the 6th day of the week next preceding the Quar-

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terly meeting in the 10th next, then
to meet at Bedford at the 11 hour.

Signed in and on behalf of
Said Meeting, by Caleb Greene Clerk

10th At a Meeting of Ministers and
Elders held at New Bedford the 30th
of the 9th Month 1796.

One of the Representatives to the
Select last Quarterly meeting, reports, that
they all attended according to Appoint-
ment.

The Queries were read in this meet-
ing, and answers prepared to them

Thomas Hicks, John Russell,
William Rotch, Elizabeth Rotch and
Mercy Slocum, are appointed to attend
the Service of the next Select Quar-
terly meeting.

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10th

An account being made to the Select Quarterly meeting was signed by the clerk.

The Business which came before us being accomplished, we conclude and adjourn to the 6th day of the week, next preceding the Quarterly meeting in the 12th Mo. next at Bedford at the 11 hour.

12th

At a Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in New Bedford belonging to the Monthly meetings of Dartmouth and New Bedford the 2^d of 12th Mo. 1796.

The Representatives to the last Select Quarterly meeting, report that they all attended according to appointment.

The Queries were read at this time and considered and answers prepared to them, which with account thereof was signed by the clerk & forwarded by our Representatives, who are Benjamin

Taber

1796
2nd M^o

Taber Joseph Tucker, Deborah
Davis & Mercy Slocum.

This Meeting is adjourned to the
6th day of the week, next preceeding our
next Quarterly meeting in the 3rd M^o.
then to meet at Bedford signed in
and on behalf of said Meeting
Caleb Greene Clerk

1797
3rd M^o

At a Meeting of Ministers and El-
ders held in New Bedford for Dartm^o
& New Bedford M^o. meetings the 17th
of the 3rd Month 1797.

The Representatives appointed at last
Meeting, report that they all attended the
last Select Quarterly Meeting.

Joseph Tucker, ~~Wm~~ James Davis
Rhoda Tucker & Deborah Davis
are appointed to attend ~~the~~ attend the
service of the next Select Quarterly
meeting.

1797
S. W.

The Queries were read & answers prepared to them, which with an account thereof was signed by the clerk & forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by the Representatives -

The Business being accomplished we conclude & adjourn to the 6th day of the week next before ^{our} next Quarterly meeting at Apoganset. at the usual hour -

Signed in & on behalf of said
Meeting by
Caleb Greene Clerk.

Com. At a Meeting of Ministers and Elders belonging to Dartmouth. and New Bedford Monthly meetings. held in Dartmouth the 23^d of Com^o. 1797.

The Representatives report that they all attended the last Quarterly meeting.

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The Querie, were read and Answers prepared to them, which with an account thereof was signed by the Clerks and directed to be forwarded to the next Quarterly meeting.

We have appointed our Friends William Rotch, Joseph Tucker & Rhoda Tucker, ~~Elizabeth Rotch~~ to attend the service of next quarterly meeting.

The Business being accomplished we conclude ~~and~~ proposing to meet again at the usual Time in the 9th month next at Bedford.

1797.
9th.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in New Bedford the 29 of the 9th Month 1797. ^{one of the}
The Representatives to the last Charter ly meeting reports that they all attended according to appointment.

The Queries being read & considered and answers prepared to them, are forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by the Representatives who are William Rolt jun^r. Caleb Greenes. & Mercy Slocum.

The Business which came before us being accomplished we conclude ~~and~~ proposing to meet again at the usual time at this place in the 12th next.

1797.
12th S

At a Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in New Bedford the 1st of the 12th Month 1797.

The Representatives to the last Quarterly meeting report, that they all attended according to appointment.

The Time of the Service of the Clerk being expired. Caleb Greene is again appointed Clerk to this Meeting for the year ensuing.

The Queries being read and considered and answers prepared to them are forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives, who are Benjamin Taber Joseph Tucker & Elizabeth Rolch & Deborah Davis.

The Business which came before us being accomplished we conclude & adjourn proposing to meet again at the usual Time at this place in the 3rd Month next.

1798

3^d Mo

At a Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in New Bedford the 16th of the 3^d Month 1798.

The Representatives to the last Quarterly meeting report that they all attended according to appointment.

The Queries being read in this Meeting, answers thereto were prepared and forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Joseph Tucker, William Rotch Jun^r, Mercy Stocum and Deborah Davis.—

The Business which came before this Meeting ~~being~~ being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in the 6th month next at the usual time at this place.

1798
6th

} At a Meeting of Ministers
and Elders held in New Bedford,
for Dartmouth & New Bedford. the
meetings the 22 of the 6th. 1798.

The Representatives to the Last Quar-
terly meeting report that they all at-
tended according to appointment.

The Queries were read at this time
and answers prepared to them & directed
~~to be~~ forwarded to the Quarterly Selects
meeting by our Representatives who
are Joseph Tucker, John Russell, Rhoda
Tucker & Deborah Davis.

The Business of this meeting being
accomplished, we conclude proposing to
meet again in the 9 month next
at the usual time at this place.

1798 }
10th } At a Meeting of Ministers
and Elders held in New Bedford
the 28th of the 9th Month 1798.

The Representatives to the last
Quarterly meeting report that they all
attended according to appointment.

The Queries were read & answers pre-
pared to them which are directed to be
forwarded to the Select Quarterly
meeting by our Representatives who
are William Rotch Jun^r Caleb Greene
Rhoda Tucker

The Business being gone thro' we
conclude, proposing to meet again
at this place in the 12th Month
next.

1798 }
12. 11th }

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A Meeting of Ministers and
Elders belonging to the Monthly meetings
of Dartmouth & N. Bedfords. held
at New Bedford the 7th of the 12th Mo.

1798.

The Representatives to the last Quarterly
meeting report that they all attended
according to appointment.

The Queries were read in this meeting
& the following answers prepared to them
Ans.^o 1.

Ministers & Elders are mostly careful
to attend all their meetings & to promote
their families thereto. — endeavouring for
good example in waiting. — none appearing
to give way to drowsiness.

2 The Ministry is in good measure sound
in word & doctrine — & the care manifest to mini-
ster in right ability.

3 The lives & conversations of Ministers
& Elders are in good degree clean &

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12th, blameless among men. - unity among one another & with the meetings they belong to subsists in a good degree. & thus harmoniously labour together - being mostly careful respecting offences.

Ans.^d 4. generally careful in each of those respects.

5 There is a care for Peacemaking - none appear to be concerned in raising or spreading evil reports, nor busying themselves improperly -

6th Generally careful in each part of that Query.

7th none.

We appoint Benjamin Taber, Thomas Hicks, Rhoda Tucker, & Deborah Davis to attend the next select Quarterly meeting with the above account.

This meeting is adjourned to the usual time in the 3^d Month next at Newbury.

At a Meeting of Ministers and Elders belonging to Dartmouth & New Bedford monthly Meetings, held in New Bedford the 22^d of the 3^d Month 1799.

One of The Representatives to the last Quarterly meeting reports that they all attended according to appointment.

The Queries being read & considered the following answers were prepared to them, vizt—

Ansⁿ. 1. Ministers and Elders are generally careful to attend all their meetings— and to bring with them as many of their families as they can: endeavouring to be exemplary in waiting: none appears to give way to drowsiness.

2. By the reports from the several meetings it appears, that the ministry is in good measure sound, and a care manifested to minister in right ability.

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Ans^d 3. The lives and conversations of ministers & elders are in good measure clean and blameless among men-unity with one another and the meetings they belong to, subsists in a good degree: & thus harmonize in labour, — and mostly careful respecting offences.

4. Endeavours are used to rule our houses well, & to bring ^{up} our families in plainness & moderation, as there quered, tho' they have not always the desired effect. Endeavouring to be good examples.
5. Generally careful in these respects.
6. There is a general care to maintain the discipline & administer justice impartially — and not to hide from truth's judgment.
7. We know of none.

Benjamin Tabor, Joseph Tucker, Elizabeth Roloth & Rhoda Tucker, are appointed to attend the next Quarterly meeting with the said answers.

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It is concluded that our next meeting
be held at New Bedford, ^{on} the ~~usual~~ ^{last}
^{3^d day of} ~~time~~ in the 6th month next

At a Meeting of Ministers and El-
ders held in New Bedford for Dart-
mouth & New Bedford monthly meetings
the 25 of the 6th month 1899

The Representatives to the last Quar-
ter-report, that they all attended accord-
ing to appointment.

herein

The Queries were read & considered,
& the answers as under prepared to
them. which are directed ~~with~~ to be
forwarded to the Select Quarterly
meeting by our Representatives who
are, ~~William~~ ^{Robert} Cabell, Greene
Wm. Rotch Jun^r, Rhoda Tucker &
~~John~~ Lydia Rotch
they to report to our next meeting.

Ans^r 1. Ministers & Elders are generally
careful in the due attendance of their
meetings; - and to promote their
families thereto, endeavouring for

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6m. example, and that non-give way
to drowsiness that we know of -

2. Ministers endeavour for soundness
in word and doctrine - and for care
to minister in right ability -

3. Ministers & Elders endeavour in
measure for blameless lives & conversa-
tions - Unity subsists among them,
and with the meetings; tho' if in a
greater degree, it would qualify for
more harmony in Labour, for truths
honour, mostly careful respecting of-
fences.

4. There is a care generally to rule
their houses well - and to bring up
their families as there quered, altho'
labours have not always had the desired
effect, good example is in measure at-
tended to -

5. There is a care generally for Peacemak-
ing - none appear to be concerned in raising
or spreading evil reports or improperly busing
themselves.

6. A good degree of care remains for the
maintenance of the discipline in most of its
parts - none are hidden from the judgment of
truth - that we know of deserv for impartial
Administration of justice & none that we know of

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It is concluded to meet again in
the 19th mo. next at the usual time
at N. Bedford —

At a meeting of Ministers & Elders
held in New Bedford for Dartm. &
N. Bedford monthly meetings the 27th
of the 9th month 1799.

The Representatives to the last Quar-
ter report that they all attended except
Rhoda Tucker who sent ~~satisfactory~~ reasons
of non attendance which were satisfac-
tory to that meeting.

The Queries were read & the answers as
under prepared to them, which the Clerk
is desired to extract & forward by our
Representatives to the Select Quarterly
meeting. who are Joseph Tucker, Obadi-
ah Davis, Mercy Slocum, & Rhoda Tucker
they to report to our next meeting.

Ans. 1. Ministers & Elders are generally
careful to attend all their meetings
and bring their families with them.

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Qm. } endeavouring in a good degree for good
example in waiting — none appearing
to give way to drowsiness —

2. The ministry is in good measure sound
in word & doctrine: — endeavouring to
be careful to minister in right abili-
ty.

3. The lives & Conversations of Minis-
ters & Elders are in a good degree char-
& blameless among men. — Unity
subsists among them & with the meet-
ings in a good degree, we hope har-
monious Labour is endeavoured after,
but not so fully experienced as would
be best — mostly careful respecting
offences.

4. There are some endeavours among us
to rule well our families, & to bring
them up in plainness & modera-
tion: but not so fully as there queri-
ed — a good degree exemplary in most
of those respects.

5. They endeavour for Peace making
& generally careful in the ^{other} respects of

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9th That Query.

6th Generally careful in their respects
7. none that we know of.

It is concluded that our next
meeting, be held ^{next} on the 4th day after
the monthly meeting at New Bedford
in the 11th m^o next at that Place.

At a Select meeting of Ministers &
Elders of Dartm^o & New Bedford ^{monthly}
meetings, held in New Bedford 20th of
the 11th m^o 1899.

The Representatives to the last Select
Quarterly meeting, report, that they all
attended according to appointment.

The Queries were read & considered in
this meeting & the following Answers, have
been which are directed to be forwarded
to the next Select Quarterly meeting
with an extract of this ~~meeting~~ minute
by our Representatives who are Abadi-
ah Davis, Tho^s Hicks, Del^a Davis, Lydia
Ritch.

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11m.

It is concluded that our Select meetings in future be held on the 4th day of the week ^{next preceding the second meeting} after the monthly meeting in New Bedford, at that place - at the 11th hour -

Ans. 11m.

1. There is a care generally for the attendance of all our meetings, and in getting out our families, endeavoring for good example, none appear to give way to drowsiness.

2. The Ministry is in good measure sound in word & doctrine, & mostly careful to minister in right ability.

3. There are endeavours for clean and blameless lives & conversations among men, - a good degree of unity subsists among us - harmonious labour is endeavoured after - mostly careful respecting offences.

4. There is a care & some endeavour for ruling our houses well, and to bring up our families as there guidance - mostly careful respecting example.

- 23
- 5 Generally careful in those respects
 6. & mostly careful in respect to the maintenance of the discipline, as also in the other parts of that Query
 7. ~~and~~ None that we know of.

At a Select meeting of Ministers & Elders of Dartm. & New Bedford m^o. meetings, held in New Bedford, the 19 of the 3 m^o. 1800.

One of the Representatives to the Select Quarterly meeting reports, that they all attended according to appointment.

The Queries were read in this meeting & considered & the answers as under prepared which with an extract hereof is directed to be forwarded by our Representatives appointed to attend the same, who are W^m Rotch Jun^r Obadiah Davis, Elizabeth Rotch Rhoda Tucker.

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3rd

Ans^d. 1. Ministers & Elders are generally careful to attend all their meetings for worship & discipline and to promote their families thereto, endeavouring after good Example in waiting, none appear to give way to drowsiness.

2. The ministry is measurably sound, in word & doctrine, and in a good degree careful to minister in right ability.

3. They endeavour in the general, for clean & blameless lives & conversations, where it hath been otherwise, it is under notice & some care has been taken unity subsists mostly in a good degree among them, & with the meetings; yet the attention to that which would produce harmonious labour is much wanting mostly careful respecting offences, where it hath appeared otherwise care has been extended

4th mostly careful in those respects.

3rd 1800 5. There is generally a care in respect
to Peace making - as also in the other
parts of that Query.

6th & Mostly careful to maintain the
discipline, none being hidden; but
the impartial administration of
Justice is endeavoured after.

7th & None.

At a meeting of Ministers and Elders
of Dartmouth & N. Bedford monthly
meetings, held in New Bedford the 26.
of the 6th Mont. 1800.

The Representatives to the last Quarterly
meeting report that they all attended ac-
cording to appointment.

The Quers were read & the follow-
ing answers prepared which are
forwarded with an auct. to the Quarterly
meeting desired to be sent by the
Club & signed by the representatives
who are W^m Butch Jr. Jos. Tucker
Lydia Butch & Rhoda Tucker

1800 ²⁶

6m^o.

1. Ministers & Elders are generally careful to attend all their meetings for worship & discipline, & to promote their families thereto—example in waiting is mostly endeavored for—none appear to give way to drowsiness.

2. The ministry is sound in word & doctrine, tho' not without exception, which gives reason to fear the right ability is not always so well attended to as would be best.

3. Ministers & Elders endeavour for clean & blameless lives & conversation—unity subsists among us and with the meetings,—so that harmonious labour is not obstructed—generally careful respecting offences.

4. They endeavour for the right ruling of their houses, and to bring up their families in plainness—mostly good examples themselves—

- 5 Generally careful in each of those respects
- 6 There is a care respecting the maintenance of the discipline, with the other parts of that Query — of a None.

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7 mo

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford for Dartmouth & New Bedford Monthly Meetings the 17th of 9th mo. 1800.

The Representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended according to appointment

The Clerk being absent Wm Rotch Jun^r is appointed clerk for this time —

The Queries were read & Answers prepared which ~~are~~ are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by our Representatives who are, Obadiah Davis, Wm Rotch Jun^r, Deborah Davis, & Rhoda Tucker — and

The clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this Minute with the Answers to the Queries which are as follows

1800
9mo.

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Ans.^d 1. Ministers & Elders are generally careful to attend all their Meetings for Worship & Discipline, bringing with them as many of their families as they can, & endeavour in a good degree to be good examples in waiting, none giving way to drowsiness.

2nd We hope the Ministry is in good measure sound in Word & Doctrine, yet we fear all are not always so careful to minister in the right ability, as would be best.

3rd We believe the lives & conversation of Ministers & Elders are in good measure clean & blameless amongst men, & that a good degree of Unity subsists amongst us, & with the meetings to which we belong, we fear there is not sufficient engagement in all, harmoniously to labour together for Truths Honour, & mosty careful to give no just occasion of offence to any.

4th Endeavours are used for ruling our
own houses well, & bringing up our
families in plainness, & are mostly good
examples ourselves.

5th Generally careful in each of those respects.

6th We think careful in each part of this
Query.

7th We believe None.

At a meeting of Ministers & Elders held
at New Bedford the 19th of the 1st month
1800. for Dartmouth & New Bedford
monthly meetings.

The Representatives to the last Quarter-
ly meeting report, that they all attended
according to appointment.

The Queries were read & answers prepar-
ed which are directed to be forwarded to
the Quarterly meeting by our Representa-
tives. who are Joseph Tucker, Benja-
min Faber, Elizabeth Rotch & Rhoda Tucker
& the Clerk is directed to furnish them
with a copy of this minute with s. answers
which are as follows, viz.

1. Ministers and Elders are generally careful to attend all their meetings, and to help their families thereto; tho' some are not able to attend thro' want of bodily health; good examples is endeavoured after, none give way to drowsiness that we know of.

2. We think that the Ministry is in good measure sound in word & doctrine endeavouring generally to minister in the right ability; tho' not without some exception.

3. The Lives & Conversations of ministers & Elders are mostly in a good degree blameless among men: — they are mostly in company with one another; and with one another or with the meetings; yet not without exception in this respect, as well as in harmonious Labour generally careful respecting others.

4 Generally careful to rule our houses well and to bring up our families in plainness as there queried; as also in endeavouring for good example in these respects.

5 & mostly careful in those respects.

6 There is a care for the maintenance of the discipline none are hidden from that we know of endeavouring for the impartial administration of Justice.

of none that we know of
It is concluded that this meeting be held
in future on the sixth day of the week next
before the monthly meetings ^{preceding the Quarters} at the 11. hour

At a Select meeting of Ministers & Elders
held in New Bedford, for Dartmouth & New
Bedford W. meetings the 13th of the 3rd.
1801.

The Representatives to the last Quarterly
meeting report, that they all attended accord-
ing to appointment.

The Queries were read, and answers prepared
in this meeting which are directed to be forwarded
to the Quarterly meeting ^{with a copy of this minute} by our Representatives,
who are Benjamin Faber, Caleb Greene, Deborah
Davis & Rhoda Tucker

said answers are as follow

Ans^r 1. Ministers & Elders are generally
careful to attend all their meetings, for
worship & Discipline bringing with them as
many of their families as they can, & endea-
vor to be exemplary in waiting therein,
none giving way to drowsiness that we
know of—

2. We believe Ministers have been in good measure sound in word & doctrine, and careful to minister in the right ability, and thereby kept from burthening the living, tho' we fear not without some exceptions.

3. The lives & Conversations of ministers & Elders are in a good degree clean & blameless among men mostly in unity one with another & with the meetings they belong to, and careful to give no just occasion of offence to any: yet we believe a deeper indwelling would qualify for more harmonious labour together for Truths honour.

4. & mostly careful in those respects.

5. They are generally concerned to preserve peace in their families & in the Church, careful not to raise or spread evil reports, nor busy themselves improperly.

6. Generally careful in those respects.

7. None.

13. No friend being present from Springfield the preceding answers were made according to the best knowledge we had.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held
at New Bedford for Dartmouth & New Bedford
Monthly Meetings the 5th of 6th Mo 1801

By the report of one of the Representatives to
the last Quarterly Meeting it appears that they
all attended -

The Queries were read and Answers prepared
in this meeting which being approved are
directed to be forwarded ^{with a strictly relating} with a copy of this
minutes by our Representatives who are
Benjamin Carter & William Bole Jr^r

Ans^rs. Ministers & Elders are generally careful
when of bodily ability to attend all our meetings
for worship & discipline & promote their fami-
lies thereto. They endeavour to be exemplary
in waiting therein, none giving way to drow-
sing that we know of.

2 We think the Ministry is in good
measure sound in word & doctrine, and ear-
nouring to minister in the right ability,
altho we fear not without some exceptions.

3. The Lives & conversations of Ministers &
Elders, are in a good degree clear & blame-
less

blameless amongst men, mostly in unity one with another and with the meetings they belong to, and we hope there are endeavours amongst us, ~~for~~ harmoniously to labour together for Truth's honour & ease to give no just occasion of offence to any.

4. & Mostly careful in these respects.

5. They are generally concerned to promote peace in families & in the Church & not concerned in raising or spreading evil reports, nor busy bodies where they have no proper business.

6. Friends generally careful in these respects.

7. & None

Signed on behalf of said Meeting by
Dymon Routh Junr. Clerk for this time.

At a Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in New Bedford, for Dartmouth & New Bedford Monthly meetings the 19th of the 9th 1801.

The Representatives to the last Select Quarter report, that they both attended that meeting.

The Queries were read & considered
in this meeting, and the following answers
prepared, which are ^{directed} to be forwarded
by our Representatives Joseph
Tucker, Caleb Green
Lydia Rotch & ^{Mercy Slogum} ~~Robert~~ Davis to the
next Select Quarterly meeting - and
the Clerk is directed to forward ~~the~~
Extract of this ~~meeting~~ minutes ther
eto.

The following are the answers to the
Queries 9th. 1801.

- Ansⁿ. 1. There is a care with ministers &
Elders for the due attendance of all their
meetings, and to bring their families
with them - endeavouring generally
for good example in waiting: none
give way to drowsiness that we know of.
- 2 The ministry is mostly in good meas-
ure sound in word & doctrine and a
care to minister in right ability.

3 The Lives and Conversations of ministers and Elders, we believe are generally in good measure clean & blameless amongst men:—mostly in unity one with another, and with the meetings we belong to; and there are endeavours among us for harmonious labour—generally careful in respect to offences.

4 There is a care & endeavour among us for the right ruling our houses, as well as in the other parts of that Duty.

5th. They are generally concerned for Peace-making in families & in the Church—none concerned in raising or spreading evil reports that we know of.

6. Generally careful in these respects, tho' not without some exception—

7 none that we know of.

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At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders
held in New Bedford, for Dartmouth &
New Bedford Monthly meetings the 13
of Novr. 1801.

The Clerk being absent Obadiah Davis
is appointed Clerk for this Time.

The Representatives to the last Select
Quarterly meeting report, that they all
attended, agreeable to appointment except
Mercy Slocum, ^{& Caleb Greene} for whose absence a
satisfactory reason was offered.

The Queries were read and consider-
ed in this meeting, and the follow-
ing answers prepared, which are directed
to be forwarded to the next Select Quar-
terly meeting by our Representatives
William Ketch, Obadiah Davis,
Deborah Davis & Rhoda Tucker,
and the Clerk is directed to forward
an extract of this minute thereto.

Ansⁿ. 1. Ministers and Elders are generally
careful to attend all their meetings
and to bring their families with them.

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in a good degree exemplary in humble waiting, and we know of none that give way to drowsiness.

2. The ministry is measurably sound in word & doctrine, and mostly careful to minister in the right ability.
3. The lives & conversations of Ministers & Elders we believe are generally clean and blameless among men, and mostly in unity one with another, and with the meetings they belong to, and there are endeavours amongst us for harmonious labor. Generally careful in respect to offences.
4. They are concerned to rule their own houses well, and to bring up their families in plainness, and generally exemplary in those respects themselves.
5. They endeavour in a good degree for peace making in families and in the Church, not concerned in raising or spreading evil reports that we know of.
6. Generally careful to maintain the discipline in its several parts, tho' we fear not in so ex-

extensive a manner, at all times as there
queried, we know of none that ~~hide~~ ^{hide} their
families from truth's judgment, but that
endeavours are used to administer justice
impartially
of none that we know of

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders
held in N. Bedford for Dartm. &
New Bedford meetings the 12 of the 3^d
m^o. 1802.

The Representatives to the Last Quarterly
meeting report that they all attended a

The Queries were read in this meeting &
the answers following agreed on - which with
an extract of this minute is ~~directly~~ signed
by the Clerk, is directed to be forwarded
by our Representatives to the Quarterly
meeting ^{who are} Joseph Tucker, James Davis,
Elizabeth Rotch & Rhoda Tucker

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1802 }
3. 11. }

Ans. 1. Ministers & Elders are in good measure careful in the attendance of all their meetings, and to encourage their families thereto: — endeavouring for good example in waiting — none give way to drowsiness that we know of.

2. We believe that the ministry has been preserved in a good measure sound in word & doctrine — and a base evinced for ministering in the right ability.

3. We think that the lives & conversations ^{of Ministers & Elders} are in a good degree clean & blameless among men; — unity subsists mostly among them and the meetings they belong to, for aught that appears. — The more of the harmonious labour therein quered is necessary — there is generally a base respecting offences.

4. Generally careful in those respects

5 They are generally concerned for
Peace making. and against being
concerned in raising or spreading
evil reports, or burying themselves
improperly.

6. There is a care among us to main-
tain the Discipline - we think
none are hid from the judgment
of Truth, endeavouring for the
impartial administration of
Justice.

7 None.

At a Meeting of Ministers and Elders
held at Bedford for New Bedford & Dart-
mouth Monthly meetings the 18th of Jan 1802.
The Clerk being absent James Davis is ap-
pointed Clerk for this time.

This Meeting concludes to adjourn to the 23rd
Inst. the day after our next Monthly meet-
ing at the usual time.

23 day met by adjournment.

William Kotch Jr. is appointed Clerk for
this Day.
One of the Representatives to last Quarterly
meeting reports that they all attended.
The Queries were read & answered in this meet-
ing as follows.

1st. We are mostly careful to attend all our
meetings for worship & discipline, when of ability
and to bring our families thereto; endeavour-
ing to be good examples therein, not giving
way to drowsiness.

2^d. They are mostly in good measure sound in
word & doctrine, careful to minister in right
ability.

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3. We hope our lives & conversations are in good measure clean & blameless amongst men: mostly in unity one with another and with the meetings, we belong to, one instance to the contrary being affectingly obvious; endeavours are used for harmoniously labouring together for Truth's honour, and to give no just occasion of offence to any. —

4th We endeavour to rule our own houses well, & are in a good degree careful to bring up our families in plainness and moderation, and to be good examples in those respects ourselves.

5 We believe there is a care to be peace makers in families and in the Church, none concerned in raising or spreading evil reports, nor improperly concerning themselves with the Business of others that we know of.

6 We believe we are in good measure careful to maintain the discipline in all its parts: — not hiding our families from them when occasion has been given.

7 &c None.

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The Queries were read and answered in this meeting and are directed to be forwarded to the Select Quarterly meeting, by our friends W^m Rotch, Cornelius Howland & Rhoda Tucker Representatives thereto, with a copy of this min
ute —

At a meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford for Dartmouth and N. Bedford the meetings the 17 of Sept. 1802.

The Representatives to the last S. Quarterly meeting report that they all attended according to appointment.

The Queries were read and answered in this meeting, and are directed to be forwarded to the Select Q^r. meeting by our Representatives, Joseph Tucker, Obadiah Davis, Deb^r Davis & Elizabeth Rotch.

with a copy of this minute—

At a Meeting of ministers and Elders held in New Bedford for Dartm^o & New Bedford monthly meetings, the 18 of 3rd 1803.

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The following are the answers to the Queries 9th month 1802

An^d 1. Ministers & Elders are generally careful to attend all their meetings for worship & discipline, and to promote their families thereto, endeavouring for good examples in waiting; we know not of any that give way to drowsiness.

2. They are mostly in good measure sound in word & doctrine, and a good degree of care manifested to minister in the right ability.

3. We hope our lives & conversations are in good measure clear & blameless

among men, generally in unity one with another, and the meetings we belong to, tho' not without exception, which is under notice; endeavours are used for harmonious labour, for Truth's honour, and to give no just Occasion of offence —

4. There are endeavours among us for the right ruling our houses, and bringing up our families as there queried, tho' they have not ^{at} all times the desired effect. endeavouring to be good examples ourselves.

5. We think there is a Care for Peace-making in families & in the Church — none concerned in raising or spreading evil reports — or improperly concerning themselves with the business of others, that we know of.

6. We believe we are in good measure careful, to maintain the Discipline not hindring our families therefrom if occasion be given, endeavouring for the impartial administration of Justice. To none that we know of.

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At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders
held in New Bedford for Dartmouth
& New Bedford W. meetings the 12.
of Nov. 1802.

The Representatives to the last Select
Quarterly meeting, report that they all
attended according to appointment.

The Queries were read and answers
prepared which with an extract of this
minute signed by the Clerk, are directed
to be forwarded to the Select Quarterly
meeting by our Representatives Obadiah
Davis, Cornelius Howland,
& Mercy Slacum & Rhoda Tucker

Ansⁿ Ministers & Elders are generally
careful to attend all their meetings &
to promote their families thereto, good
example is in measure endeavoured for
none give way to drowsiness that we
know of

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11^{mo}

2. The Ministry is mostly in good measure sound in word & doctrine, and generally careful to minister in right ability.
3. We generally endeavour for clean & blameless lives & conversations among men. Unity subsists mostly among us, in a good degree, yet not without exception, there is some engagement for harmonious labour, and a care generally in respect to offences.
4. There is a care among us for the right ruling our houses & bringing up our families as these ^{in every instance} ~~queried~~, which has not had the desired effect - endeavour for good examples, therein ourselves.
5. We endeavour for Peace making we know of none concerned in raising or spreading wil reports or busying themselves improperly.
6. Generally careful in those respects.
7. None.

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At a meeting of ministers and A-
ders, held in New Bedford for Dart-
mouth & New Bedford monthly meetings
18th of 3^d month 1803.

The representatives to the last Quar-
terly meeting report, that they all attend-
ed according to appointment.

The Queries were read and consider-
ed, and answers prepared.

This meeting is adjourned to the
23^d Instant at the 11th hour - at this place.

23^d Met by adjournment.

Cornelius Howland, William
Rotch Jun^r, Elizabeth Rotch
Rhoda Tucker are appointed
Representatives to the next Select
Quarterly meeting.

The Clerk is directed to forward
the necessary extract of the minutes
of this meeting & forward to the Quarterly
meeting.

1803.
Nov.

In a Select meeting held at
Bedford 17th of Nov. 1803 for Dartmouth &
New Bedford monthly meetings.

Several of the members of this meet-
ing having not returned from our year-
ly meeting this meeting adjourns to
the 22nd Inst. fourth of the week at the
10th hour in the morning.

Cornelius Howland
Clerk for this time.

22nd day met by adjournment.

The Representatives to the last Quar-
terly meeting report, that they all at-
tended.

The Queries were read in this meet-
ing & answers prepared to them.

We appoint Cornelius Howland,
~~Daniel~~ ~~Rock~~ & Caleb Greene
to attend our next Select Quarterly meet-
ing as representatives.

1803. The Clerk is directed to make the necessary extracts from our minutes & forward to our next Quarterly meeting —

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Gm^g. At a meeting of ministers & Elders held in New Bedford the 16 of Gm^g. 1803.

The Representatives to the last S. Quarterly meeting report, that they attended according to appointment —

William Rotch Jr. Cornelius Holland, Elizabeth Rotch, & Rhoda Tucker are appointed to attend our next select Quarter as Representatives

The Queries were read & considered in this meeting & the following answers prepared, which are directed to be forwarded to the S. Quarterly meeting by our Representatives with the necessary extracts from these minutes,

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At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders
held at New Bedford for Dartmouth & New
Bedford Monthly Meetings the 18th of 11^m 1803

We are informed the Representatives all
attended our last Quarterly Meeting -

The Clerk being absent Wm Polch is appointed
Clerk for this time -

Cornelius Hawland Joseph Tucker, Elizabeth
Rodman & Rhoda Tucker are appointed
Representatives to the next Quarterly Meeting

The Queries were read & Answers prepared
thereto, which are directed to be forwarded
to the Quarterly Meeting, with the necessary
extracts from these minutes, which an-
swers are as followeth -

Ansⁿ We are careful to attend most on
all of our meetings for worship & discipline,
when of bodily ability, and bring our fami-
lies generally thereto, and endeavour to be
good examples in humble waiting therein,
none give way to drowsiness that we know
of.

1803. }
11th. } Ans. 2 Ministers are mostly sound in
word & doctrine, and we believe generally
endeavour to minister in the right ability,
in which they are kept from burthening the
living.

3. We endeavour after clean & blameless
lives & conversation amongst men, and are
mostly in unity one with another and with
the meetings we belong to, and some har-
moniously labour together for truth's honour,
generally careful of giving just occasion
of offence to any.

4. Mostly careful to rule our houses well
and bring up our families in plainness as
Truth requires; yet we fear the hands
of some are weakened, for want of suffi-
cient attention thereto. — mostly good ex-
amples herein ourselves.

5. We endeavour to be peace making in
families & in the Church: — none that we
know are concerned in raising or spread-
ing evil reports, or in hurting ourselves im-
properly.

6. We know of no cause of complaint on these
points. None that we know of.

1861/12. At a meeting of Ministers &
3^m 16 Elders held in Dartm^r & New Bedford
for Dartm^r & New Bedford
the 16th of 3^m 1864.

One of the Representatives to the
last Q^r. meeting reports that they all
attended ~~except Rhoda Tucker for~~
~~whose absence a satisfactory reason was~~
~~given~~

The Queries were read in this meeting
& the answers following made therein
which ~~with the~~ necessary extracts from
our minutes are directed to be forwarded
to our next Quarterly meeting
Cornelius Howland, William Roush
Rhoda Tucker, Elizabeth Roush
are appointed Representatives to our
next Quarterly meeting

Ans. Ministers & Elders are careful generally
to attend all their meetings for worship
& discipline, and to encourage their fam-
ilies thereto, endeavouring in good measure
for good example in waiting. — none give

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3m

way to drowsiness that we know of

2. The ministry we believe is preserved mostly in a good degree sound in word & doctrine, with care to minister in the right ability.
3. The Lives and Conversations of ministers & Elders, we think are generally so far preserved clean & blameless among men, as to cause no complaint: Unity in a good degree subsists among us, so that harmonious Labour is not obstructed. — mostly careful to give no just cause of offence to any.
4. Generally careful in the government of our families, tho' some of our labours have not always the desired effect in some — good example is endeavoured after —
5. We know of no cause of complaint in these respects.
6. There is a care among us to maintain the Discipline — none are hidden from the judgment of Truth, that we know of, impartial justice being endeavoured after —

1804 } 7th Clear
3rd

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At a Meeting of Ministers &
Elders held in New Bedford for
Dartmouth and New Bedford
Monthly meetings the 15 of Oct.
1804.

One of the Representatives to
the last Quarterly meeting reports
that they all attended accord-
ing to appointment.

This meeting is adjourned to the
5th hour in afternoon on 3rd day
next.

3rd Day met by adjournment

The Queries were read in this
meeting & the following answers
made which with the necessary
extract from the minutes are

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directed to be forwarded to the
next Sect Quarterly by our
Representatives who are -
William Rotch Jr, John R. Davis,
Lydia Rotch -

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At a meeting of Ministers
& Elders held at New Bedford
for Dartm. & New Bedford
14th of 9th 1804

The Representatives to last Select
Quarterly meeting, reported their
attendance

The Queries were read, consider-
ed & the following answers prepared
to them, which are directed to
be forwarded by our representa-
tives, Obadiah Davis, Joseph
Tucker, — Elizabeth Rotch Rho-
da Tucker —

The Clerk is directed ~~to~~ make the
necessary extracts & forward by
the Representatives

1804 }
9^m.

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Ans^r. 1. We believe we are generally careful in the attendance of our meetings for worship & discipline, and to take as many of our families there to as we can, — good example is endeavoured for in waiting, we do not know of any who give way to drowsiness.

2. Ministers are mostly in good measure sound in word & doctrine; and mostly in a good degree careful to minister in right ability.

3. There is a care among us for the supporting clean & blameless lives among men — Unity with one another, subsists with most in a good degree, and with the meetings we belong to; some endeavours for harmonizing in labour as there queried — generally careful respecting offences

4. There are endeavours among us, for the ruling our houses, and bringing up

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9th

our families as queried, in precept & example - tho' they have not in all the desired effect. —

5th As to the several parts of that query we know not of any complaint.

6. Generally careful in maintain-
ence of the discipline; we think
none are hidden from the exercise
thereof and impartial administ-
ration is endeavoured for

7. None. —

11th

At a Meeting of Ministers &
Elders held in New Bedford Len
Dartmouth & New Bedford W.
mornings 16 of 15th 1804.

The Representatives to the last
Quarterly meeting report, that
they all attended except Rhoda
Tucker, ^{the cause of} whose absence signified
to that meeting was satisfactory.

1804 }
11^{mt} } The Queries being read, & the follow-
ing answers prepared, which with
the missary extracts are directed to
be forwarded to our next Quarter
by meeting.

Joseph Tuckey, - Cornelius Howland,
Ruth Davis Elizabeth Rotch
are appointed Representatives to our
next S. Quarterly meeting.

Answers to Queries Nov^r 1804

- Ans^r 1. We believe generally careful in
the attendance of all our meetings &
to promote our families thereto, en-
deavouring for good example in wait-
ing - none give way to drowsiness that
we know of.
2. Ministers are generally sound in
word & doctrine and mostly careful
to minister ⁱⁿ the right ability.
3. Ministers & Elders generally endur-

1804. }
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endeavour for clean & blameless lives
among men: — unity ~~solidly~~ subsists
with one another and with the
meetings we belong to — harmony in
labour is endeavoured after, tho' an
increase thereof is necessary: most by
careful as to offences. —

4. There is a care among us for the right
ruling our houses, according to that
query and endeavouring for good
Example in those respects ourselves.

5. We endeavour for Peace making.
we know not of any concerned in
raising or spreading evil reports,
or improperly hurting themselves.

6. Generally careful on those acc'ts.

7. None

At a Meeting of Ministers &
 Elders held in New Bedford for Ber-
 mouth & N. Bedford Monthly meetings
 15th of Bm. 1805

Caleb Greene having served as Clerk
 to this meeting for sometime &
 being desirous of being released.
 Wm. Rotch Junr. is appointed to
 that Service.

It appears by the report of one of the
 representatives that they all attended
 our last Quarterly Meeting.
 Cornelius Howland, Wm. Rotch, Elizabeth
 Rodman & Ruth Davis
 are appointed to attend the ensuing
 Select Quarterly Meeting.

The Queries being read & the following
 answers prepared they are directed
 to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting
 with the necessary extracts from
 their minutes.

Answer 1. Ministers & Elders are mostly careful duly to attend all our Meetings for worship & discipline, bringing with them as many of our families as we can, and generally labouring to be good examples in humble waiting therein, not giving way to drowsiness.

2nd. Ministers are preserved in good measure sound in word & doctrine mostly careful to minister in the right ability.

3rd. We believe our lives & conversation are in good measure clean & blameless amongst men, & are mostly in unity one with another & with the meetings we belong to, a good degree of harmonious labour together for truth's honour, is preserved amongst us, yet not so generally as truth requires, mostly careful as to offences.

4th. We are concerned to rule our own families well, & to bring them up in blamelessness which Truth requires, yet

in all your labours, are not fully successful,
mostly good examples therein ourselves.

5th Generally clear

6th We know of no cause of complaint

7th None that we know of.

At a meeting for Ministers & Elders held
in New Bedford for Dartmouth & New Bedford
Monthly meetings 14th of 6th mo 1805

This meeting concludes to adjourn to
the 26th day of this month at the usual hour.

26th day met by adjournment -

One of the Representatives reports that they
all attended the last Quarterly Meeting.

The Queries were read & answers prepared
which are hereto annexed & are directed to be
forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting -

We appoint Cornelius Howland,
William Rotch Jr.,

representatives to attend our next Quarterly
Meeting

- 1st We are mostly careful duly to attend all our meetings for worship & Discipline bringing with us as many of our family as we can, & mostly endeavoured to be good examples in humble waiting therein none give way to drowsiness that we know of.
- 2nd We believe Ministers are mostly sound in words & Doctrine & generally careful to minister in the right ability.
- 3rd We believe our lives & conversation are in ^{good degree clean & blameless amongst men.} a good degree of unity subsists among ourselves & with the meetings we belong to, harmoniously labouring together for truth, honour in some measure witnessed yet we believe more is wanting - Mostly careful to give no just occasion of offence to any.
- 4th We endeavour to rule our own houses well & to bring up our own households well & to bring up our families in plainness which truth requires yet our concern herein has not always been successful. generally good examples therein ourselves.

5. we hope clear in each part.
6. generally careful to maintain
this discipline, none hiding their
families from the operation
thereof, & are believe impartial
in administering justice.
- 7th none -

At a meeting of Ministers & Elders
held in New Bedford for Dartmouth and
New Bedford Monthly Meetings the
13th day of 9th mo. 1805

One of the representatives appointed to attend
last Quarterly Meeting, reports that they
both attended.

The Queries were read & answered in
this meeting which Answers here to annexed
are directed to be forwarded to the next
Quarterly Meeting.

we appoint Cornelius Howland, Joseph Tucker
Rhoda Tucker, and Ruth Davis

Representatives to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting

- 1st We are generally careful duly to attend all our Meetings for Worship & Discipline, & to bring with us as many of our families as we can, but endeavour to be good examples in humble waiting therein - none give way to dressings that we know of.
- 2nd We believe the Ministry is mostly preserved sound in word & doctrine & careful to minister in thought & ability.
- 3^d We hope our lives & conversations are in good measure clean & blameless amongst men. Unity in a good degree subsists amongst ourselves & the Meetings we belong to, harmoniously labouring together for truths honour witnessed yet we believe now is wanting. Mostly careful to give no just occasion of offence to any.
- 4th We endeavour to rule our own houses well & to bring up our families in the simplicity of truth, yet our labours have not always proved effectual. generally good examples ourselves.
- 5th We endeavour to preserve peace in families & in the Church, we know of none concerned in raising & spreading evil reports, nor burping themselves improperly with the concerns of others.
- 6th We know of no deficiency in those respects.
- 7th None.

1805
11m^o At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held
at New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings of
Dartmouth & New Bedford the 15th of 11m^o 1805

The representatives to our last Quarterly
Meeting report they all attended.

The Queries were read and answered
in this meeting, which answers are
directed to be forwarded to the Quar-
terly meeting.

We appoint Joseph Tucker, Cornelius
Hawland & Lydia Patch
representatives to the Quarterly meeting.

answers to the Queries

- 1st We are mostly careful to attend all our Meetings
for Worship & Discipline, & to bring most of our families
endeavouring to be good examples in humble
waiting therein. We know of none who give
way to drunkenness in them.
- 2nd We believe our Ministers are mostly
sound in word & doctrine & in good degree
careful to minister in the right ability,
whereby the living are not burdened.
- 3^d We hope our lives and conversations are
mostly clean & blameless amongst men.

generally in unity one with another & with
our respective meetings, & some are engaged
harmoniously to labour together for truth & honour
& we hope all ~~endeavour~~ to give no just oc-
casion of offence to any.

4th. We endeavour to rule our own houses,
well & to bring up our families in the sim-
plicity that truth requires. Yet not always
with the desired success. Mostly good exam-
ples in those respects ourselves.

5th. We are engaged to be peace-makers in families
& in the Church. We know of none concerned
in raising or spreading evil reports, or busy-
bodies where they have no proper business.

6th. We know of no cause of Complaint
in these respects.

7th. None that we know of.

1806
3rd At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held
in New Bedford for Dartmouth & New Bedford
monthly meetings 14th of 3rd mo 1806
The Clerk being absent Caleb Greene is
appointed to that service for this time.

James Tucker, Cornelius Howland
Elizabeth Rodman & Rhoda Tucker
are appointed representatives to our
next Select Quarterly Meeting.

The Queries were read & the following
Answers were made thereto. Viz

Answer. We believe there is a care generally among
us, to attend all our Meetings, for Worship and
Discipline, & to promote our families thereto,
endeavouring for good example, we do not
know of any giving way to drowsiness.

2nd We think the Ministry is generally found
in word & Doctrine, & mostly careful to minister
in right ability.

3rd There are endeavours generally among us
for clean & blameless lives & conversations among
men, Unity subsists mostly one with another

and with the meetings we belong to, in a good degree, so far harmoniously labour together, generally careful respecting Offences.

4th. There is a care & endeavours amongst us, to bring up our families, as there queried, but not always attended with the desired effect, generally in a good degree exemplary in those respects, ourselves.

5th. Generally careful in these respects.

6th. Generally careful in the maintenance of the discipline, we know not of any being hidden from the judgment of Truth, endeavouring for the impartial administration of Justice.

7th. We know of none.

1806

6m^o

} A Meeting of Ministers & Elders held
at New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings of
Dartmouth & New Bedford 6th of 6th m^o. 1806.

It appears that the representatives to our
last Quarterly Meeting all attended.

We appoint our friends Cornelius Howland, James
Tucker, Elinabeth Rodman & Ruth Davis
representatives to our next Select Quarterly
Meeting ~

The Queries were read & the following answers
prepared which are directed to be forwarded
to the Quarterly Select Meeting.

- Answer 1 We are mostly careful duly to attend
all our meetings for worship & Discipline, &
to promote our families therein, endeavouring
to be good examples in humble waiting, none
giving way to drawings that we know of.
- 2nd We believe ministers are mostly sound
in word & Doctrine, & careful to minister in
the right ability.
- 3rd We hope our lives & conversations are
mostly clean & blameless amongst men,
generally in Unity one with another & with

the meetings we belong to, and some are engaged to labour together for the promotion of truth, and we endeavour to give no just occasion of offence to any.

4th We endeavour to rule our own houses well to bring up our families in plainness which truth requires, in dress, language & true moderation, yet not always with success, mostly exemplary ourselves,

5th We are generally concerned to be peace-makers in families & in the Church, we know of none concerned in raising or spreading evil reports, nor improperly meddling with the business of others.

6th We know of no cause of complaint in these respects

7th None that we know of

At a meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford the 12th of 9 mo. 1806.

The Clerk being absent Obadiah Davis is appointed for this time. It appears that our Representatives attended our last Quarterly meeting, except Ruth Davis, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was offered.

The Queries were read & the following answers prepared, which are directed to be forwarded to our next Select Quarterly Meeting by our Representatives Joseph Tucker, Cornelius Howland, Ruth Davis & Eliza Rodman

1806
11^{mo} 14th.

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A meeting of Ministers & Elders
held at New Bedford, for the monthly meeting
of Dartmouth & New Bedford 14th of 11^{mo}. 1806.

The Queries were read & the following
answers composed, which are directed to be
presented at our next Select Quarterly Meeting,
to which James Tucker, Obadiah Davis,
Rhoda Tucker & Elizabeth Rotch are appointed
Representatives.

Answer 1st. We are generally careful to attend
all our meetings, & to bring our families
with us, & endeavour to be good examples in
humble waiting, none giving way to
drowsiness that we know of.

2nd Ministers are preserved in a good degree
of Soundness in word & doctrine, & mostly careful
to minister in the right ability.

3rd Our lives & conversations are in a good degree
clean & blameless amongst men, Unity is
generally preserved one with another, & with
the meetings we belong to, and we are concerned
in a good degree to labour harmoniously together
for the honour of Truth, & generally careful to give
just occasion of Offence to any.

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4th We endeavour to rule our own houses well
& bring up ~~thour~~ families in the simplicity that
truth requires, yet our labours herein are not
always successful. generally exemplary ourselves.

5th We endeavour to be peace-makers in
families & in the Church. We know of none
concerned in raising or spreading evil reports,
nor that busy themselves when they have no
proper business.

6th We know of no cause of complaints on
these accounts.

7th We know of none.

1807

3^{mo}

At a meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford the 13th of 3rd mo. 1807 for the monthly meetings of Dartmouth & New Bedford.

By the report of one of the representatives it appears that they all attended the last Quarterly Meeting

We appoint Jany Tucker Obadiah Davis Rhoda Tucker, & Elizabeth Rodman

Representatives to our next Select Quarterly Meeting

The Queries were read & answered as follows which are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting -

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6mo.

At a meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford for the monthly Meetings of Dartmouth
at New Bedford the 5th of 6th mo 1807

It appears by the report of some of the Repre-
sentatives that they all attended our last
Quarterly Meeting

We appoint Cornelius Howland & Wm. Rotch Jr
Lydia

representatives to our next Quarterly meeting

The Queries were read & the following answers
made for the Quarterly Meeting -

- 1st. A care is preserved duly to attend most of our
meetings for Worship & discipline, & to promote the
attendance of our families also, And we endeavour
to be good examples in humble waiting upon
God, giving way to drowsiness that we know of

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held for
 the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth & New Bedford
 at New Bedford the 13th day of 11th mo. 1807

It appears by report now made that
 the Representatives all attended our
 last Quarterly Meeting

We appoint Joseph Tucker, Cornelius Howland
 Anna Thornton & Elizabeth Rood as
 Representatives to our next Quarterly Meeting

The Queries were read & the following
 answers formed which are directed
 to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held for the
Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth New Bedford & Westport
the 18th day of

1868
3m At a meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New-
Bedford for Dartmouth & New Bedford Monthly Meetings
the 18th of 3 month 1868

The representatives report they all attended
our last Quarterly meeting

We appoint James Tucker, Cornelius Howland
Rhoda Tucker & Elizabeth Rote
representatives to our next Quarterly
meeting of Ministers & Elders ~

The Queries were read & answered which
answers are directed to said Quarterly
Meeting.

6m At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford for Dartmouth & New Bedford
monthly meetings the 3 day of 6th m^o 1868

It appears by the report of the Representatives
that they all attended our last Quarterly Meeting.

The Queries were read and answered which
answers are directed to our next Quarterly Meeting
to which meeting we appoint John Davis
Cornelius Howland, Elizabeth Rodman & Lydia Rote
our representatives

A General Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at

1808
Jan 16

At a meeting of Ministers & Elders held
at New Bedford for Dartmouth & New Bedford
Monthly Meetings the 16th day of Jan^r 1808

It appears by the report of the representatives
that that Elisha Root and Lydia Rotch attended
our last Quarterly Meeting - and Cornelius
Howland & John R Davis now rendered
acceptable reasons for their non attendance.
The Queries were read and answers thereto
made, for the Quarterly Meeting.

We appoint Joseph Tucker, John R Davis
Ruth Davis, Rhoda Tucker
representatives for the select Quarterly Meeting.

11m/8 At a meeting of Ministers & Elders held
at New Bedford for Dartmouth & New Bedford
Monthly Meetings the 18th day of 11m/8 1808
One of the representatives reports they all
attended our last Quarterly Meeting.

The Queries were read & answers thereto given
which were directed to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting
to which the following friends are appointed
representatives. Viz James Davis James
Tucker, Elizabeth Rotch & Rhoda Tucker

1809
3rd

At a meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford the 1st of 3rd 1809 for the Monthly Meetings of New Bedford & Dartmouth.

It appears that the representatives all attended our last Quarterly Meeting

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting and the answers directed to be laid before the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders ~

We appoint Cornelius Minion James Tucker Elin^a Proctor & Rhoda Tucker representatives to our next Quarterly Meeting

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth & New Bedford held at New Bedford the 2nd of 6th 1809

It appears that the Representatives all attended our last Quarterly Meeting ~

We appoint James Tucker Cornelius Hawland & Rhoda Tucker, representatives to our next Quarterly Meeting ~

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting & the answers directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting ~

1809
9m^o

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held
at New Bedford, for the Monthly Meetings of
Dartmouth & New Bedford this 5th of 9th m^o 1809
By the Report of one of the Representatives
it appears that they all attended our last
Quarterly Meeting -

The Queries were read & answered in
this meeting & the answers directed to
be forwarded to the Quarterly of Meeting
of Ministers & Elders by the following
representatives. Cornelius Howland, James
Tucker, Ruth Davis & Lydia Rotch -

11m^o At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford, for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth
and New Bedford this 7th day of 11th m^o 1809

One of the representatives to our last Quarterly
Meeting informs that they all attended

The Queries were read & answered which
answers are directed to be laid before our
next Quarterly Meeting - to which meeting
are appointed the following representatives
Joseph Tucker, Ruth Rotch, Rhoda Tucker and
Rhoda Howland

89 1810
3^{mo}

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings of
Dartmouth & New Bedford the 16th of 3^{mo} 1810

We are informed that the Representatives
all attended our last Quarterly Meeting except
Rhoda Tucker prevented by sickness in her family.
The Queries were read and answers
made thereto which are directed to be
laid before the Quarterly Meeting, and
we appoint Cornelius Howland James Tucker,
Amra Thornton & Mary Howland representatives
to that Meeting ~

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders for the monthly 6^{mo}
Meetings of Dartmouth New Bedford & Acosset
held at New Bedford the 5th of 5^{mo} 1810

By information from one of the Representatives
it appears that they all attended our last Quarterly
Meeting ~

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting
& the answers directed to be forwarded to the
Quarterly Meeting, And we appoint Primmer Wing
Cornelius Howland, Lydia Rotch & Rhoda Howland
representatives to that meeting ~

1810

9^m 14

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders
held at New Bedford for the Monthly
Meetings of Dartmouth New Bedford &
Acosset the 14th day of 9th mo 1810

We are informed that the Represent
atives appointed at our last meeting
all attended the Quarterly Meeting

The Queries were read & answers made
thence and Joseph Tucker Prime Winy Mary
Howland & Rhoda Tucker are appointed Representatives
to our next Quarterly meeting & to have
the care of forwarding our answers
to that meeting

11^m

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders
held at New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings
of Dartmouth New Bedford & Acosset the
16th day of 11th month. 1810.

One of the representatives informs that they
all attended our last Quarterly Meeting except
Mary Howland, detained by sickness in her
family.

The Queries were read and answered

in this Meeting, which answers are directed ^{17th} 1810
to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting, and
we appoint representatives to that meeting
our friends James Tucker, Abner Potter
Rhoda Tucker & Rhoda Howland.

At a meeting of Ministers & Elders held at ¹⁸¹¹ 3^m
New Bedford for the monthly meetings of Dartmouth
New Bedford & Acosseth the 15th day of 3rd mo 1811

It appears that the representatives all
attended our last Quarterly Meeting.

The Queries were read & answers made
thereto which are directed to be laid before
our next Quarterly Meeting to which
meeting we appoint Joseph Tucker, Cornelius
Howland, Anna Thornton & Elizabeth Rodman
our representatives.

1811
6m^o

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford the 7th day of 6^m 1811 for the Monthly
Meetings of Dartmouth New Bedford & Acosset.

It appears that the representatives all attended
our last Quarterly Meeting

The Queries were read & answered made
in this meeting which answers are directed
to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting to
which meeting the following friends
are appointed representatives viz ^{Wm} Patch,
Prime Wing, Mary Howland, & Lydia
Patch -

9m^o

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders
held at New Bedford the 13th day of 9m^o 1811
for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth
New Bedford & Acosset

It appears that the representatives all
attended our last Quarterly Meeting except
Prime Wing, who was prevented from
reaching Nantucket in season by contrary
winds

The Queries were read & answered in this Mat^r
where directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly
Meeting by James Tucker, James Davis, Rhoda Howland
& Anna Thornton appointed representatives thereto

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held ^{at} ~~New Bedford~~ ^{New Bedford} for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth
New Bedford & Acaxet the 15 Day of 3rd mo. 1811

The representatives report they all attended
our last Quarterly Meeting

The Queries were read & answered in this meet-
ing & are directed to be forwarded to our next
Quarterly Meeting to which Meeting we
appoint John R Davis - Abner Patten Elder
with Rodman & Rhoda Howland representatives

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held ^{at} ~~New Bedford~~ ^{New Bedford} for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth
New Bedford & Acaxet the 13 Day of 3rd month 1812

The representatives report that they all attended
our last Quarterly Meeting

The Queries were read & answers thereto
made which are directed to be forwarded
to our next Quarterly Meeting, to which
Meeting the following friends are appointed
representatives Joseph Tucker. Abner
Patten, Mary Howland & Rhoda Tucker.

1812
Em^o

At a meeting of Ministers & Elders
held at New Bedford for the monthly meetings
of Dartmouth New Bedford & Acapet the
5th day of 8th mo. 1812 -

By the report of one of the representatives it
appears that they all attended the Quarterly Meeting
The Queries were read & answers thereto prepared
which are directed to be forwarded to our next
Quarterly Meeting to which meeting we appoint
Cornelius Howland John R Davis Rhoda Howland & Eli Rodman
representatives thereto -

9^{mo} At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held
at New Bedford for the monthly meetings of
Dartmouth New Bedford & Acapet the 18th of 9th mo. 1812

It appears that two of our representatives
attended our last Quarterly Meeting for
the absence of Elizabeth Rodman & Rhoda
Howland acceptable reasons were rendered

The Queries were read in this meeting & answers thereto
prepared which answers are directed to be forwarded
by our representatives -

Cornelius Howland James Tucker Mary Howland & Rhoda Tucker
are appointed representatives to our next Quarterly
Meeting

1812
11200

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford
for the monthly Meetings of Dartmouth New Bedford & Acwasset
the 20th day of 11th m^o: 1812

It appears by the report of one of the Representatives that
altho they were all at Sandwich at the time of our Dec^r
Quarterly Meeting yet they were prevented from attending
by a severe storm.

The Queries were read & answered in this Meeting
& the latter are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly
Meeting by our friends James Tucker, Cornelius
Howland, Rhoda Howland and Ruth Davis.

appointed representatives -

1813

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford
for the monthly Meetings of Dartmouth New Bedford & Acwasset
the 19th day of 3rd month 1813 -

It appears that the Representatives all attended
our last Quarterly Meeting -

The Queries were read & answers were prepared
which answers are directed to be forwarded by
our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting
which representatives are James Tucker Joseph
Tucker, Rhoda Howland & Elizabeth Rodman.

1813

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bm^o At a meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings of Part-
moa^u New Bedford's Association the 13th of 6th m^o 1813

By the report of one of the Representatives
it appears that they all attended the 2nd Meet^g
Several Members of this Meeting not
having returned from our Yearly
Meeting we adjourn to the afternoon
of the 24th instant at the 4th hour —
bm^o 24th met by adjournment

The Surveys were read and answers
in this meeting which answers are
to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting.

We appoint our friends W^m Rotch Jr
James Tucker Rhoda Howland and
Mary Howland representatives to
our next Quarterly Meeting —

97 1813

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held 9^m
at New Bedford the 17th Day of 9^m. 1813

Two of the representatives to the Quarterly meeting inform they attended to that appointment, & the other two friends that they were prevented by indisposition.

The Queries were read with answers thereto prepared, which are to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by our friends, Obadiah Davis Joseph Tucker Ruth Davis & Anna Thornton appointed representatives thereto -

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at 11^{mo}
New Bedford the 19th Day of 11th mo. 1813

One of the Representatives informs that they all attended the Quarterly Meeting - The Queries having been read. Answers thereto were formed & directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by the following friends appointed representatives to that meeting viz
Carrileus Howland, James Tucker Elizabeth Rodman & Rhoda Howland -

1814
3m

At a meeting of Ministers & Elders held
at New Bedford the 13th day of 3rd month 1814

By the report of one of the representatives
it appears that they all attended the Quarterly
Meeting

The Queries have been read and answered
in this meeting. which answers are directed
to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting, to
which meeting the following friends are
appointed as representatives. Viz^t Joseph
Tucker Prince Miss Rhoda Tucker & Anna
Thornton

6th At a meeting of ministers and Elders
held at New Bedford the 17th day of the
6th month 1814.

The Clerk being absent. Lancel Greene
is appointed for that service for this
time.

This meeting at present being small owing
to some peculiar existing circumstances
it is adjourned to the 4th hour of the af-
ternoon of our next mt. meeting.

6m 1814
Met by adjournment

The Queries were read and answered in
this meeting, which answers are directed
to be forwarded by ~~it~~ to the Quarter-
ly meeting to which meeting the follow-
ing friends are appointed as Representa-
tives viz. Prine Wing, Joseph Tuck-
er, Rhoda Tuck-er & Anna Thornton to
attend next Quarterly meeting

A Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford the 16th Day of 9th month, 1814

We are informed that from the difficulties
that attended going to Nantucket about
the time of our last Quarterly Meeting
only one of the representatives attended
that Meeting -

The Queries have been read & answers
thereto forwarded, which are directed to be
forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting
to which meeting the following friends
are appointed representatives viz
Prine Wing Obadiah Davis Rhoda Howland
& Mary Howland

1814
11m^o

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford the 18th day of 11th month 1814

We are informed the Representatives all attended
our last Quarterly Meeting -

The Queries were read & answers thereto forwarded
which are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly
Meeting by the representatives to which
are Cornelius Howland Abner Potter Anna
Thornton & Esther Newell -

1815

3m^o

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held
at New Bedford the 17th day of 3rd month 1815

It appears by the report of one of the representatives
that they all attended our last Quarterly Meeting

The Queries have been read & answered in
this meeting which answers are to be forwarded
to the Quarterly Meeting, where we appoint
Cornelius Howland James Tucker Mary Howland & Elisha Robinson
our representatives.

On 16th At a Meeting of Ministers &
Elders held at New Bedford the 16 day
of 6th mo. 1815 -

Lambert Greene is appointed clerk for
this time.

1815
2m^o

Many members being absent, some ^{exc^d} out of sickness & others not returned from the yearly meeting - this meeting is adjourned to the 4th hour in the afternoon of the 22^d Instant.

22nd day of 5th month 1815. Met by adjournment
It appears that our representatives attended the last Quarterly Meeting -

The Queries were read & answers prepared which are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by our representatives who are - Phillip Dunkham. Prince Wing. Elizabeth Howland & Mary Howland.
At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford

The 22nd day of 2^m 1815 -

It appears the representatives all attended our last Quarterly Meeting -

The Queries were read & answered in this Meeting, which answers are directed to be forwarded by our Representatives ~~who~~ ^{and} to the Quarterly Meeting who are
Caroline Howland Prince Wing Elizabeth Rodman
& Anna Thornton -

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11^m At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford the 17th day of 11^m 1815

The representatives to our last Quarterly
Meeting all attended except Anna Thornton
for whose absence ^a satisfactory reason was given.

The Queries have been read & answered in this
Meeting and said answers are directed to
be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting to
which Meeting we appoint, Prime Wing
Obadiah Davis Mary Howland & Rhoda Howland
our representatives.

1816
3^m At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford the 22nd day of 3^m 1816

The Representatives to our last Quarterly
Meeting all attended.

The Queries have been read with answers
prepared in this Meeting, which are directed
to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by
the following friends appointed representa-
tives. Viz^t Cornelius Howland Caleb Green
Elizabeth Rodman and Anna Thornton.

1816

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6th Mo

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders, held at New Bedford the 25th day of the 6th month 1816,

The Representatives to our last quarterly meeting all attended —

The Queries were read and answers prepared in this meeting, which are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by the following friends appointed Representatives, viz:

Elisha Thornton, Cornelius Howland.

Anna Thornton & Rhoda Tucker.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford the 20th day of 9th Mo. 1816, 9^{pm}

The Representatives all attended our last Quarterly Meeting except Rhoda Tucker necessarily prevented —

The Queries were read & answers thereto made, which answers are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting to which meeting the following friends are appointed our representatives, Joseph Parker, Cornelius Howland, Rhoda Howland & Experience Shearman

1816
11m^o

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At a meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford. the 22nd day of 11th month 1816

It appears that the representatives appointed
at last meeting all attended the Quarterly Meeting

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting
& such answers are directed to be forwarded
to the Quarterly Meeting to which meeting
we appoint the following friends representable
Viz Philip Dunham, James Tucker Abner Potter
Elizabeth Hawland & Esther Sweet

This Meeting having often been excused on
account of the peculiar state of mind manifested
by our friend Stephen Buffinton since his pecu-
niary embarrassments, and having bestowed
much counsel & caution in that ability which
has been afforded us, in a particular manner
by advising him withholding his ^{in the ministry} public appear-
ances, which altho for a time he submitted to, yet
he has not continued to follow our advice thereupon

And ^{he} being of late engaged in unpleasant
contention in Law, which with other things relating
to his life & conversation, appears to have much
weakened his mind and disqualified him from
filling the station of a Minister with that propriety
& dignity the truth requires, With much feeling

of regret at the necessity we give our judgment
to the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth that it
will be to the reputation of the Society that
he be dismissed from being a member of
this Meeting - And the Clerk is directed to forward
a Copy of this minute to Dartmouth Monthly
Meeting and our friends Joseph Tucker and
Rhoda Tucker are appointed to inform him
of our conclusion ~

Har Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at
New Bedford the 21st day of 3 month 1817.

It appears that all the representatives attended
our last quarterly Meeting

The Queries were read and answered in
this Meeting and the answers are directed
to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting
to which meeting we appoint our friends
Joseph Tucker, Cornelius Howland Rhoda Howland & Rhoda
~~representatives~~ Tucker representatives

1817.
6th 20.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford the 20th of 6th 1817.

The Representatives all attended our last Quarterly meeting.

The Queries were read and answered in this meeting, and directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting — to which meeting we appoint our friends Prince Wing. Philip Dunham (and) Experience Shearman & Rhoda Howland. Representatives.

9th 19.

At a Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford, for the monthly meetings of Dartmouth, New Bedford & Westport the 19th of 9th 1817.

The representatives all attended our last Quarterly meeting.

The Queries were read and answered in this meeting, and directed to be forwarded

1817 } ed to the select Quarterly meeting, to
9^m } which meeting we appoint as representatives
Obadiah Davis, Warren Gifford, Ruth
Davis Elizabeth Howland and Corneli-
us Howland

11^m } At a meeting of ministers & Elders
held at New Bedford ten the monthly
meetings of Dorsmⁿ. N. Bedford &
Westport the 21 day of 11^m. 1817.

The Representatives to the last Quar-
terly meeting ~~except~~ ~~One~~ report that
they all attended except one - the cause
of whose absence is satisfactory

The Queries were read & answered in this
meeting & directed to be forwarded to
the Quarterly meeting. to which meeting
we appoint Cornelius Howland Joseph
Tripp, Experience Shearman & Sarah
Tucker

1818
3m^o.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held
at New Bedford the 20th day of 3m^o. 1818

The Representatives appointed at our last
Meeting it appears all attended the Quarterly Meeting

The queries were read and answers
thereto formed in this meeting which
answers are directed to be forwarded
to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting
to attend which meeting we appoint
Orin Wing, Caleb Greene, Labatha Gifford & Eliza Rodman,
our representatives

It appearing to this meeting that some
addition of members to this meeting in
the station of Elders might be usefully
made, we appoint James Tucker, Warren Gifford,
Cornelius Howland & Trip. Elder Howland, Sarah Tucker,
Experience Masman & Esther Newell & Obadiah Davis
to take this subject under consideration
& if way should open in clearest propriety
to ~~some~~ a future meeting such names as
they may think ~~best~~ proper

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford
the 19th day of 6th month 1818 -

It appears that the representatives to our
last Quarterly Meeting all attended

The Queries were read & Answers thereto
made in this Meeting, which are directed
to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by
our representatives namely, Warren Gifford
Cornelius Howland, Tabitha Gifford & ~~Ruth Davis~~
Mary Card. ~

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders for the
Mt Meetings of Dartmouth New Bedford & Westport
the 18th day of 9th mo 1818

It appears the representatives except Warren
Gifford all attended the last Quarterly Meeting
and he has at this time rendered an acceptable reason
for his absence ~

The Queries were read & answers thereto made
which answers are directed to be forwarded
to our next Quarterly Meeting to which Meeting
we appoint Joseph Tucker, Cornelius Howland
Esther Newell and Ruth Davis
representatives

1818 110

11m.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford the 20th Day of 11th month 1818.

It appears that the representatives all attended our last Quarterly Meeting -

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting, which answers are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting to which Meeting we appoint Joseph Tripp Prime Wm. Experience Mann and Rhoda Howland

to attend as our representatives.

1819

3m.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford the 19th Day of 3m^o 1819 -

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting it appears all attended

The Queries have been read and answered at this time and the answers are directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting to which meeting we appoint Rhoda Howland Joseph Tripp Tabitha Gifford & Mary Rutch as appointed Representatives.

1819
11^m

At a Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford the 19th day of 11^{mo}. 1819

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting all attended to their appointment.

The Queries were read and answered in the Meeting and are directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting to which Meeting we appoint as representatives our friends James Tucker, Warren Gifford Elizabeth Rodman and Elizabeth Howland.

1820
3^m

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford the 17th day of 3rd month 1820

It appears that our Representatives all attended our last Quarterly Meeting -

The Queries were read and answered in this Meeting which answers are directed to the Quarterly ^{Meeting} to which Meeting as representatives we appoint our friends, Joseph Tripp, Warren Gifford, Ruth Davis & Elizabeth Howland

1820
6m

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford the 16th day of 6th month. 1820

It appears the representatives all attended our last
Quarterly Meeting

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting
the answers directed to be forwarded by our represent-
atives ~~whenever~~ to the Quarterly Meeting who are, Prince
Wing Isaac Lawrence Susan Hill & Rhoda Howland.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New
Bedford the 22 day of 9^m 1820

Two of the representatives appointed to attend our
last Quarterly Meeting did attend the others were
prevented by reasons acceptable to this meeting

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting
which answers are directed to the Quarterly Meeting
to which meeting we appoint James Tucker Joseph
Tripp Esther Newell & Rhoda Howland
our Representatives

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New-
Bedford the 17 day of 11th month. 1820 -

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting
which answers are directed to be sent to the Qu^{rtly} Meet^g
The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting
all attended except one prevented by sickness in his family
Cornelius Howland John Davis Mary Card and
Elizabeth Howland
are appointed Representatives to our next Quarterly
Meeting.

1821
3m^o.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford the 16th day of 3m^o 1821

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting
which answers are directed to be forwarded to the
Quarterly Meeting by our representatives Primitivus
James Tucker, Rhoda Howland & Ruth Davis
It appears that the representatives to our last
Quarterly Meeting all attended

6th m^o At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford the 22 day of 6th month 1821

The representatives to our last Quarterly
Meeting all attended that meeting

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting
we appoint Robert Brayton Cornelius Howland
Elizabeth Roodman, & Ellenabeth Howland
our representatives to the ensuing Quarterly
Meeting -

10m^o. At a Meeting of Ministers and
Elders, held at New Bedford the 28 day
of 9th month 1821.

The Representatives to our last Quarters
by meeting ^{reporting} that they attended except two,
whose reasons of nonattendance are satisfac-
tory

1821.

9m^o

The Queries were read and answered in this meeting - and the answers are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives. John R. Davis Cornelius Howland. Experience Shearnon & Graw Davis

11m^o

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford the 16th day of 11th month 1821

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting all attended that Meeting -

The Queries were read and answered and the answers directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting to which we appoint Primewing James Tucke, Mary Card & Elizabeth Rodman our representatives.

1822

3m^o

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford the 22^d day of 3^{m^o} 1822

It appears that the representatives all attended our last Quarterly Meeting -

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting & are directed to the Quarterly Meeting to which Meeting we appoint Isaac Lawrence John R. Davis Tabitha Gifford Esther Nicols our representatives.

1822.

6m. } At a meeting of ministers & Elders
held in New Bedford. the 21 of 6m.
1822.

It appears that the representatives to
the ^{joint} Quarterly meeting all attended.

The Queries were read and answers
made in this meeting. which are directed to
be forwarded to the Quarterly select meeting
by our Representatives who are James Tucker
John R. Davis. Elizabeth Howland & Mary
Card.

9m. The Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford
the 20th day of 9 month 1822.

It appears that ~~the~~ ^{two} of the representatives
attended our last Quarterly Meeting the others
being prevented by sickness & other acceptable
reasons for their absence.

The Queries were read & answered in this meeting which
answers directed to the Quarterly meeting. to whom
meeting we appoint, James Tucker, John R. Davis
Ruth Davis Sarah Tucker representatives.

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1822
11m
At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford the 22nd of 1st month 1822

It appears our representatives all attended our
last Quarterly Meeting

The Queries were read & answered in this Meeting
which answers are directed to the Quarterly
Meeting to which Meeting we appoint
Francis Taber, John R Davis, Grace Davis & Tabitha Gifford
our representatives.

At a meeting of Ministers & Elders held at { 1822
New Bedford the 2nd day of 3rd mo 1823 { 3mo

It appears that the representatives to the last Quarterly
Meeting all attended except one

The Queries have been read & answered in this Meeting
which answers are directed to be forwarded to the
Quarterly Meeting by our representatives who
are, John R Davis, Francis Taber, James Tucker,
Mary Card & Sarah Tucker

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford 20th of 6th mo
1823

It appears the representatives all attended our last Quarterly Meeting

The Queries were read & answers formed there to which
answers are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly
Meeting by our representatives who are, Jo^l Tripp
Francis Taber, Deborah Otis, Mary Card.

1823
9m^o.

At a meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford the 19th day of 9th month 1823

It appears the representatives all attended our
last Quarterly Meeting

The Queries have been read & answered in this meeting
which answers are directed to be forwarded to the
next Quarterly Meeting to which meeting we
appoint our friends Obadiah Davis James
Tucker Ruth Davis & Sarah Wood

representatives

11m^o. At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held
at New Bedford the 21st day of 11th month 1823

Obadiah Davis is appointed Clerk to this meeting
for the year ensuing
It appears that ^{our} representatives all attended
our last Quarterly meeting

The queries have been read and answers prepared
in this meeting which are directed to be forwarded
to our next Quarterly meeting by our representatives
who are Primmer Wing Cornelius Howland Ruth
Davis and Esther Newitt
This meeting adjourns to the 9th hour tomorrow morning

1823
1/m^o 22 day met by adjournments
This sitting having been occupied on the disunity
that subsists amongst us as expressed in our answers
to the Queries; but not having come to a full result
in what manner it may be best to proceed to remedy
the same, we adjourn to the 3 hour this afternoon

Afternoon met by adjournments

Elizabeth Bodman and Mary Roth have so far
given their support to certain persons who were dis-
owned by friends att. to attend meetings appointed
by them and to manifest their unity in joining
with them in vocal prayer and having labored
with them from time to time in order to convince
them of the inconsistency of their conduct herein
without the desired effect, therefore we are led to
believe that they are not qualified in their present
state of mind to fill the station of Elders

The Clerk is desired to lay a copy of this minute
before New Bedford monthly meeting of women friends
Philip Dunkarn having manifested his unity
in the public offerings of such as have been dis-
owned by friends and having in this meeting
dropped some expressions that has led us to be-
lieve that he really needs the help of his friends
wherefore we appoint James Tucker Prince Wing and

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John A. Davis to labour with him in the
ability afforded and report to our next meeting

At a meeting of ministers and Elders held
at New Bedford the 19 of 3rd mo 1824

The representatives to our last Quarterly
meeting report that they all attended

The Queries have been read in this meeting
and Answers prepared which are directed
to be forwarded ^{to our next Quarterly meeting} by our representatives who are
Isaac Lawrence, Francis Taber, Grace Davis
and Sarah Wood

The Committee in the case of Philip Dun-
ham not being ready to report at this time the
Subject ~~is~~ is continued to our next meeting

Our 1st officers are mostly careful to attend our
meetings for divine worship and to bring our
families with us and also those for discipline
and to encourage such of our families as are
members yet a few have appeared negligent
herein some care taken

Ministers in the exercise of their office

mostly ~~careful~~ careful to wait for divine ability while a few manifest that they are wanting in this duty

3 There are a number who endeavour to be circumspect in life and conversation, and who are in unity with each other and also with the meetings to which we belong, and who harmonize in labour for truth's honor, yet there appears to be a deficiency in each part

4 We endeavour to rule our houses well and to add to bring up our families in plainness of dress language and due moderation agreeable to ~~with~~ and to be exemplary herein ourselves yet there appears to be a failing short in these respects

5 We are concerned to preserve peace in our families and in the Church and to maintain our discipline not screening our own families but to administer justice ~~off~~ faithfully though not without some exceptions

At a meeting of ministers and elders held at New Bedford the 22^d of 6^m 1824

The Quinies have been read and in this meeting and answers prepared which are directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are John R. Davis Joseph Tripp Francis Taber Sarah Tucker Henry

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Deborah Otis & Ruth Davis

The Committee to visit Philip Dunham re-
-port that they have attended to that service but
received no satisfaction from him, and we are in-
formed that he continues his appearances in
the ministry to the burthining of his friends
they are desired to further ~~not~~ visit him and
advise him to discontinue his public appear-
ances, and not to take ^{an} active part in breaking
our meetings and make report to our next
meeting -

At a meeting of ministers and elders held
at New Bedford the 17 of 4mo 1826

The representatives to our last Quarterly meet-
ing report, that they all attended except Ruth
Davis, who was prevented by bodily indisposition.
The Queries have been read, and Answers
prepared in this meeting; which are directed
to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting
by our representatives, who are Isaac Lawrence,
Cornelius Howland, James Tucker, Sarah
Tucker, Deborah Otis, and Mary Gard.

The committee in the case of Philip Dunham not being ready to make a conclusive report, they are continued to the case thereof, and to report to our next meeting

At a meeting of ministers and elders held at New Bedford the 17 of 9 mo 1824

The representatives to our last Quarterly meeting Report that they all attended except Ruth Davis who was prevented by bodily indisposition.

The queries have been read and answers prepared in this meeting which are directed to be forwarded to our next quarterly meeting by our representatives who are Isaac Lawrence Cornelius Howland James Tucker Sarah Tucker Deborah Otis and Mary Card.

The committee in the case of Philip Dunham not being ready to make a conclusive report they are continued to the care of the same and to report to our next meeting.

At a meeting of ministers and elders held at New Bedford the 19 of 11 mo 1824

The representatives to our last Quarterly meeting

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reports that they all attended except Cornelius
Howland who rendered a satisfactory reason for
his absence

The Queries have been read in this meeting
and Answers were prepared which are directed
to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by
our representatives who are Francis Taber John
R Davis Joseph Tripp Rhoda Howland Ruth
Davis and Sarah Wood -

The Committee to visit Philip Dunham re-
port that they have laboured with him as way
opened, but he gave them no satisfaction ~~wherefore~~
~~it is concluded~~ wherefore it is concluded to recom-
mend the following minute to the attention
of Dartmouth monthly meeting -

It appearing that Philip Dunham hath
manifested his unity with the public appear-
ances of such as have been disowned by friends,
and also that his appearances in the ministry
have been to the burdening of friends for which
he hath been labored with, but without effect.
Wherefore we give it as our judgment to the
monthly meeting of Dartmouth that he be

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dismissed from being a member of this meeting and the clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to said monthly meeting

It appearing that Experience Shurman hath attended a meeting that was appointed by one who is under the care of a committee from this meeting, and that her appearances in the ministry for a considerable time have been exercising and unsavory to friends wherefore we appoint Priscilla May Joseph Gripp Francis Taber Sarah Tucker Abner Howland and Sarah Wood to labor with her in the ability which truth may afford, and report to our next meeting

A meeting of ministers and elders held at New Bedford the 18th of B. m. 1825

The term for which the clerk was appointed being expired, Obadiah Davis is appointed for that service for the year ensuing.

The representatives to our last Quarterly meeting, report that they all attended

The queries have been read in this meeting, and answers prepared, which are directed to be for-

forwarded to the Select quarterly meeting by our
our representatives, who are Cornelius Howland,
John R. Davis, Prince Wing, Susan Howland, Rhoda
Howland, and Sarah Wood.

The Committee in the care of Experience,
Shannon, inform that they have attended thereto,
but are not prepared to make a full report; they
are continued to the care thereof.

1 We are mostly careful to attend our meetings for
divine worship, and to bring our families with
us, also those for discipline, encouraging such of
our families to this duty as are ~~suitable~~ eligible.

2 Ministers in the exercise of their gift, appear
mostly careful to wait for right ability, whereby
friends have not been burdened.

3 The lives and conversation of ministers and elders
we believe are in good measure ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~very~~ ^{are} clean and blameless among
men, the most of us are in unity with each other
and with the meetings to which we belong, where
harmonious labour is in a good degree experienced;
although there remains sorrowful deficiencies in
each part, some labour bestowed. —

4 We endeavour to rule our houses well, and to

bring up our families in plainness, agreeable to the requireing of truth, in dress, language, and true moderation, and to be good examples herein ourselves, yet we believe all are not preserved in the moderation of truth at all times. —

5 We mostly endeavour to be peace-makers in families and in the church, and careful to maintain the discipline, not screening our own families. Endeavours are used to administer justice as faithful servants. —

At a Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford the 21st of 6^{mo} 1825

The representatives to our last Quarterly meetings report, that they all attended

The Queries have been read in this meeting, to which answers have been prepared, which we forward to the select quarterly meeting by our representatives: who are, James Tucker, Isaac Lawrence, Francis Haber, Sarah Tucker, Susan Howland, and Anna Macomber. —

The Committee in the case of Experience Shearman, not being ready to make a conclusive report, they are continued to the care thereof, and to report to our next meeting.

At a meeting of ministers and elders held
at New Bedford the 16 of 9^m 1825

The representatives to our last Quarterly meeting
of ministers and elders report that they all
attended except two for whose absence satisfactory
reasons were offered

The Queries have been read in this meeting
to which Answers have been prepared which
we forward to the Quarterly meeting of minis-
ters and elders by our representatives who are
John R. Davis Cornelius Howland Abraham
Shearman & Esther Newitt Grace Davis
and Anna Macomber.

The Committee to visit Experience Shearman
inform that they have paid further attention
to their appointment, but are not ready to make
a full report they are continued to that service
and to report to our next meeting

At a meeting of ministers and elders held
at New Bedford the 18 of 11^m 1825

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The representatives to our last Select Quarterly meeting report that they all attended.

The Quæries have been read in this meeting, to which Answers have been prepared, which we forward to our next Select Quarterly Meeting by our representatives: who are Francis Taber, Joseph Tripp, Isaac Lawrence, Sarah Wood, Tabitha Gifford, and Rhoda Howland.

The Committee in the case of Experience Shearman, inform that they still continue to extend their care therein; but are not yet ready to make a final report they are continued to the care of the same and to report to our next meeting.

At a meeting of ministers and elders held at New Bedford the 17th of 3rd mo 1826

The time for which the clerk was appointed being expired, Josiah Davis is appointed clerk for this time.

The representatives to our last quarterly meeting report that they all attended.

The queries have been read and answers prepared which we forward to our next quarterly meeting by our representatives.

who are John R. Davis, William Knapp, Francis Libery,
Harr. Card, Esch. Veritt, and Sarah Wood.

The committee in the case of Experience Shearman not
being prepared to make a conclusive report; they are referred
to the care of the same and to report to our next meeting
next! We are mostly careful to attend our meetings for divine
worship and to promote our families thereto, and also the
for discipline, ^{encouraging} such of our families thereto as this Society directs.
Ministers in the exercise of their gifts appear mostly careful
to wait for right ability whereby they are in a good degree
prevented from being burdensome.

The lives and conversation of ministers and elders we think
are mostly in a good degree clear and blameless among
men; we are mostly in unity one with another and
with the meetings to which we belong whereby harmo-
nious labour is in a good degree experienced though not
without some exceptions in each part.

We endeavour after the right government of our houses,
and mostly careful to bring up our families in plainness
as much as requires, in dress, language, and true moderation;
and to be exemplary herein ourselves.

We mostly endeavour to be peacemakers in families
and in the Church, and to maintain the discipline
not concerning our own families personally but to adminis-
ter justice faithfully.

A meeting of Ministers and elders held at New Bedford the 20th of June 1826

Obadiah Davis is appointed clerk of this meeting for the year ensuing.

It appears that our representatives to our last Quarterly meeting all attended.

The queries have been read and answers prepared which we forward to the quarterly meeting by our representatives who are Joseph Tripp John R. Davis Cornelius Howland Elizabeth Tripp Esther Merritt Sabitha Gifford and Mary Card.

~~The Queries have been read and answers prepared which we forward to the Quarterly meeting by our representatives who are Joseph Tripp~~

The committee in the case of Experience Sherman made the following report "We the committee in the case of Experience Sherman inform, that we have had several opportunities with her in which we have endeavoured to convince her of the inconsistency of her attending separate meetings, but without the desired effect neither has a disposition been manifested by her to take friends advice in withholding her public communications."

New Bedford	Sarah Wood	Prince Wm
June 20 1826	Rhoda Howland	Francis Baber
	Sarah Tucker	Joseph Tripp

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In conformity thereto the following minute is adopted.

The public ~~Ministry~~ of Experience Sharmas hath for sometime been burdensome to friends, she hath also attended meetings held by such as were not in unity with us, for which she hath diverse times been laboured with, but without the desired effect not having manifested a disposition to take friends advice in withholding her public communications wherefore we submit to the consideration of New Bedford monthly meeting the propriety of dismissing her from our meeting of ministers and elders. And the clerk is requested to forward a copy of this minute to said monthly meeting of women friends.

At a meeting of ministers and elders held at New Bedford the 22 of 9^{mo} 1826

The clerk being absent James Tucker is appointed clerk for this time.

It appears the representatives all attended our last Quarterly meeting.

The Queries have been read with answers thereon which Answers are directed to the quarterly meeting.

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by our representatives who are Francis Taber James
Tucker & Sarah Wood Sarah Tucker and Anna
Macomber.

At a meeting of ministers and Elders held at
New Bedford the 17 of Novr 1826

The clerk being absent Abraham Shurman Jr is
appointed clerk for this time

One of the representatives to our last quarterly meet-
ing reports that they all attended

The Queries were read, with Answers which
are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting
by our Representatives who are Isaac Lawrence
John A. Davis Rhoda Howland and Mary Bond

At a meeting of ministers and elders held at New Bedford
the 16th of 3^{mo} 1827

One of the representatives to our last quarterly meeting reports
that they all attended

The queries have been read and Answers prepared in
this meeting which are directed to be forwarded to the quar-
terly meeting by our representatives who are James Tucker
Joseph Tripp Abraham Shurman Sarah Tucker
Elizabeth Tripp and Susan Howland

Answer 1st & 2nd are mostly careful to attend meetings for

divine worship, and to bring our families with us and also those for discipline, encouraging such of our families there as to as are scitabla. —

2 Ministers in the exercise of their gifts appear mostly careful to move in right ability whereby they are preserved from being burdensome

3 The lives and conversation of ministers and elders we think are mostly clean and blameless amongst men, we are in a good degree, 'united in unity with each other, and with the meetings to which we belong mostly harmonizing together in ^{for} truth's honour —

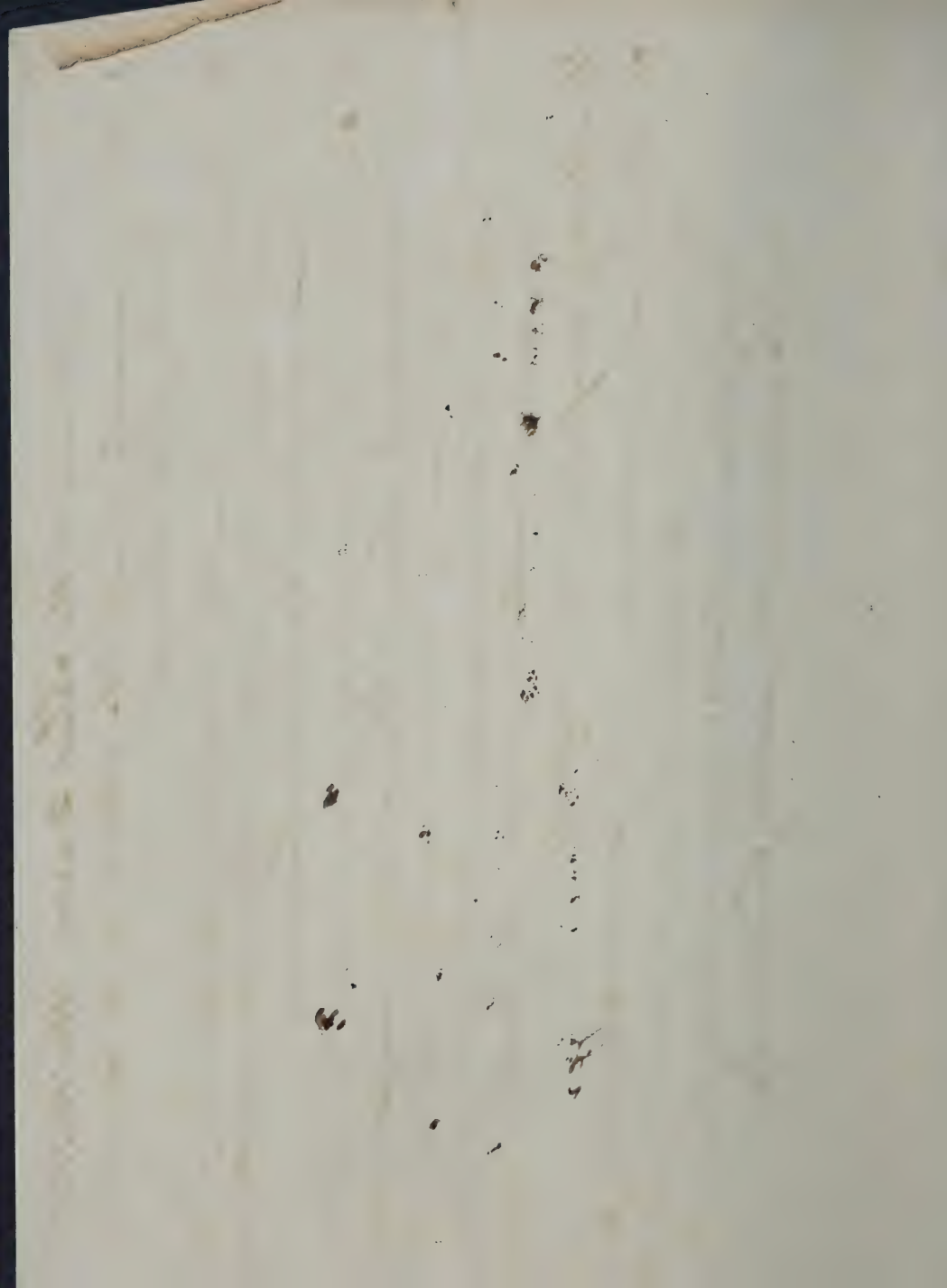
4 We endeavour after the right government of our houses, and to bring up our families in plainness, as truth requires, in dress language and true moderation, and to be exemplary ourselves, yet we fear not without some exceptions in each part. —

5 We mostly endeavour to promote peace in our families and in the church, and to maintain the discipline, not screening our own families but to administer justice faithfully.

• To a meeting of ministers and elders held at New Bedford 22 of 6 mo 1827 It appears by the report of one of the representatives that they all attended. The Queries have been read and answers prepared in this meeting which we forward to the quarterly meeting by our representatives who are Abraham Shurman George Melius Howland Joseph Briggs Anna Macomber Susan Howland and Elizabeth May. —

Answers to the Select Queries—Nov 16. 1827.

1. We are mostly careful to attend to the secular parts of this society.
2. Ministers are mostly careful in the exercise of their gifts to wait for right ability, and are therein preserved from being unkindnesses.
3. We have and conversation of ministers and elders are mostly clear & blameless amongst men; also the most of us are in society with each other, and with our deacons, Meetings; and these harmonize together in labour for truth's honour.
4. Mostly careful in these respects.
5. We mostly endeavour to be peace-makers in families and in the Church, and to maintain the Discipline, not discerning our own families; but to administer justice faithfully.



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At a meeting of ministers and elders, held at New-
Bedford the 2d of June 1827

The term for which the clerk was appointed being
expired, Obadiah Davis is appointed clerk for this
time, and the representatives that may be appointed
to attend our next Quarterly meeting are desired
to propose a friend for that service for the year
ensuing at our next meeting. —

We are informed that the representatives to our last
quarterly meeting all attended except Elizabeth
Wing, who was prevented by indisposition

We appoint Francis Baber, Cornelius Howland
John B. Davis, Deborah Otis, Grace Davis Sarah
Davis and Abigail Gifford to attend the service
of our next quarterly meeting. —

At a meeting of ministers and elders held at New-
Bedford the 16 of June 1827. —

The representatives agreeable to our request propose
Abraham Shumway for clerk which we approve
of, he is therefore appointed to that place for the en-
suing year

The representatives to our last quarterly meeting report
that they all attended, except Deborah Otis whose ab-
sence was prevented by indisposition

The queries have been read, with answers with ex-
~~cess~~ which are directed to be forwarded to the quarterly
meeting by our representatives who are James Tucker
Isaac Lawrence Cornelius Howland Elizabeth Robt. Sara. L. Tucker and
Anna Macomber

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders, held at
New Bedford, 21st of 3rd 1828.

James Tucker on behalf of the Representatives
to our last Quarterly Meeting, reports that they
all attended.

The Queries were read, with answers, which
are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly
Meeting, by our Representatives, who are, ---
Joseph Tripp, Obadiak Davis, James Tucker,
Rhoda Howland, Mary Card, and Grace Davis.

Ans. 1st. Ministers and Elders are mostly care-
ful to attend Meetings for Divine worship, and to bring
their families with them. Also to attend meetings for
Discipline, encouraging such of their families to this
duty as are suitable.

2^d. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts,
are generally careful to wait for right ability, and
are thereby mostly preserved from being burdensome.

3^d. The lives and conversation of ministers
and elders are in a good degree clean & blameless
amongst men. They are mostly in unity one with
another, and with the Meetings they belong to;
and endeavouring harmoniously to labour together
for truth's honour; but we fear not so fully as
would be desirable.

4th. A good degree of care appears to be
maintained in these respects.

5th. We are mostly concerned to preserve
peace in families and in the Church; to maintain
the Discipline; and to administer justice faithfully.

George Hawtana In
Wm Braedon
Luna Wood
Eliak Waffar
Pepes Shearman
Christelle Sampson
Sarah Hawthorne
James D. Morse
Matthew Hawthorne
Rufus Russell Children
Margaret Clapperton
John West
George Wain
Joseph S. Wainwright
John Hawthorne



Families individuals of the New Bedford Region
also collecting visited by Ruth Davis & June O'Wing.
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Wm. Stowance

Henry T. Moore

Giles & Hanson

Joseph DeWitt

Joseph Davis & Samuel Read

Isabel Perry & family

Joseph Thompson

Isaac & Butler

Edward & Stowance

Samuel Stoddard

Isaac & Butler

Frederick & Moore

Samuel & Moore

Samuel Butler

Isaac & Stowance

Samuel & Butler

Cynthia Thompson

Mr. & Mrs. Thompson

Isabel & Moore

Samuel & Butler

William & Moore

Isaac & Butler

Isaac & Butler

Cornelia & Moore

Samuel & Stowance

Samuel Butler (not)

Samuel & Moore

Isaac & Butler

Isaac & Butler

Samuel Ransom
Charles R. Tucker
George Sawtance
Edmund Ransom
Many Gildy, Cummins
George Wing
Deborah Baylow
Ruth Blake
Sarah Coffin
Nancy Potch (not)
Abraham Barker
Philip Anthony
Bethia Russell
Abby Sawtance
Mabel Boston
Paul Sawtance
Edwina L. Barker
Elizabeth Thornbrow

Wm. Tallman,
Alexander (William)
Karlson & Lagow }
Sarah & William
Benja. Swift
Princess Michs
Allen Kelley
Doctor Hardy
Many Susan
Percy Russell
Mabel Lydia Russell
William Ransom
Eliza Russell
Stephen Phelps
Susan & Mce
Many Anna Sawtance }
Francis Ransom
Ann & Dumbas } 65

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders, held at New-
Bedford, 24th of 6^m: 1828.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting, report, that they all attended.

The Queries were read, with answers, which are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by our Representatives, who are, Joseph Tripp, Abraham Shearman, jun^r, Elizabeth Tripp, Elizabeth Wing, and Esther Newitt.

At a Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at New-
Bedford, 19th of 9^m: 1828.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting, report that they all attended.

The Queries were read, with answers which are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting, by our Representatives, who are, — James Tucker, Cornelius Howland, Isaac Lawrence, Sarah Tucker, Mary Card, and Anna Macomber.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders, held at New-
Bedford, 21st of 11^m: 1828.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report, that they all attended, except Isaac Lawrence, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned.

The time for which the Clerk was appointed having expired, Abraham Shearman, jun^r, is appointed to that service for the year ensuing.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, with answers which are directed to be forwarded, with an account, to the select Quarterly Meeting, by our Representatives — who are, Francis Taber, John R. Davis, James Tucker — Sarah Wood, Esther Newitt, & Rhode Howland.

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At a Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New-
Bedford, 20th of 3^d M^o 1829.

The Clerk being absent, Obadiah Davis is appointed
Clerk for this time.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly
Meeting report, that they all attended.

Our beloved friend Daniel Pickett attended
at this time, and produced a Certificate from New-
Garden monthly meeting, Indiana, and endorsed
by a Quarterly Meeting held at the same place,
which being read, was, together with his religious
labours amongst us, truly acceptable.

The Queries have been read, and answers pre-
pared in this Meeting, which are directed to be for-
warded, with an account, to our Select Quarterly
Meeting by our Representatives, who are, Isaac
Lawrence, Joseph Tripp, Francis Taber, Sarah Woo-
dward, Grace Davis & Sarah Tucker.

Ans. 1. Ministers & Elders are mostly careful to
attend our Meetings for Divine worship, & to bring
our families with us; also to attend Meetings for
Discipline, encouraging such of our Families to this
duty as are suitable.

2^d Ministers in the exercise of their gifts
are mostly careful to wait for right ability, whereby
they are preserved from being burthensome.

3. The lives and conversation of ministers and elders are mostly clean and blameless amongst men, and generally in unity one with another, and with the meetings to which we belong, harmonising in labour together for truth's honour.

4. We mostly endeavour to rule our own houses well, and to bring up our families in plainness, agreeable to the requiring of truth, also to be exemplary ourselves; yet a more faithful dedication herein would be desirable.

5. We endeavour to discharge ourselves agreeable to what is required in this query.

At a Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford, 23^d of Decr. 1829.

Francis Taber, on behalf of the Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting, reports that they all attended.

Our beloved friends George and Ann Jones, from S. Britain, and Elizabeth Pitfield, from Philad.^a attended this Meeting, & produced satisfactory certificates of the unity of their friends at home with their ministry and present religious engagements. Their company and services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Thomas Phillipse, of S. Britain is also acceptably with us.

The Queries were read, and answers thereto prepared, were directed to be forwarded, with an account, to the Select Quarterly Meetings, by our Representatives, who are James Tucker, John R. Davis, Abraham Shearman, & Sarah Tucker, Susan Howland, Deborah Otis, Sarah Wood.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New-
Bedford, 18th of 9m: 1829.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report, that they all attended, except Susan Howland & Sarah Wood, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Queries were read, and answers thereto prepared in this Meeting, directed to be forwarded to the Select Quarterly Meeting, by our Representatives, who are, James Tucker, Seth Davis, Cornelius Howland — Rhoda Howland, Mary Card, Sarah Wood.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders, held at New Bedford, 20th of 11m: 1829.

The time for which the Clerk was appointed being expired, the former Clerk is continued for the day, — and the Representatives who may now be appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting, are requested to take the subject into consideration, and propose a Clerk at our next Meeting.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly M^g. report, that they all attended.

The Queries were read, and answers thereto prepared in this Meeting, which are directed to be forwarded to the Select Quarterly Meeting, by our Representatives, who are — Joseph Tripp, Seth Davis, Isaac Lawrence, Francis Taber, — Esther Newitt, Sarah Wood, and Susan Howland.

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At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders, held at New-
Bedford, 19th of 3^d m^o 1830.

Abraham Shearman, Jun^r being proposed by the
Friends named in the 11th m^o is appointed Clerk
of this Meeting for the year ensuing.

The Queries were read, and answers thereto
prepared in the Meeting, which are directed to be
forwarded to the Select Quarterly Meeting, by our
Representatives, who are, Isaac Lawrence, James
Tucker, Francis Taber; Sarah Tucker, Sarah Wood,
and Silvia Grinnell.

Answer 1. Ministers and Elders are mostly careful
to attend their Meetings for Divine Worship, & to bring
their Families with them; also to attend Meetings for Dis-
cipline, encouraging such of their Families to this duty
as are suitable.

2. Ministers in the exer-
cise of their gifts are generally careful to wait for right
ability, and are thereby mostly preserved from being
burdensome.

3. Ministers and Elders manifest
a good degree of concern that their lives & conversation
may be clean & blameless amongst men. Unity one with
another and with the Meeting we belong to, appears to be
mostly preserved; but a want of it is painfully felt
in some of our Meetings, and consequently an obstruction
to harmonious labours together for Truth's honour.

4. A good degree of care appears to be main-
tained, to bring up our Families in that plainness
which Truth requires; and to be exemplary herein.

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5. A concern appears to be generally maintained to come up in a faithful discharge of the duties pointed out by this query — yet we are sensible that there is a falling short herein.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New-Bedford, 22^d of 6.m. 1830.

The Friends who were appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting, as Representatives, report that they all attended.

Our Beloved friend, Phebe Field, attended this Meeting, and presented a satisfactory minute from Scipio Monthly Meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, & answers thereto prepared, were directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting, by our Representatives, who are Abraham Shearman, M. Cornelius Howland, Francis Taber — Anna Macomber, Abigail Davis, Lissa Howland.

The consideration of the most suitable time for holding our Select Preparative Meeting in the 6th month, is referred to another Meeting.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New-Bedford, for the M.^c Meetings of Dartmouth, New Bedford, & Westport, 17th of 9.m. 1830.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report, that they all attended.

* Our Select Meetings have been so held since this particular designation was omitted — It was now thought best to revive it.

Minutes.

S. Prosser. mg.

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17th of Q^{uo}. 1830

It appearing, from what has been opened in this Meeting at the present, as well as at other times, that unity is not fully maintained by some of our Members, and that there is consequently some obstruction to an harmonious labou^ring together for Truth's honour, the subject has been painfully exercising to the minds of ^{us} Friends, and being deliberately considered, we appoint Isaac Lawrence, James Tucker, Seth Davis, Sarah Wood, Anna Macomber, & Esther Newitt, to visit such of the members of this Meeting as way may open for, and labour in the ability that may be afforded, for the restoration of that unity of feeling that has thus been impaired — and report to our next Meeting.

19th of 11^{mo}. 1830. The Committee appointed as by minute of our last Meeting, to labour for the restoration of unity, in instances where it has been impaired, made a report, which being read, & the subject feelingly considered, — the Committee, to which Sarah Tucker is now added, is continued, to extend further labour herein, as way may open for it, and report at another Meeting.

18th of 3^{mo}. 1831. The Committee appointed in the 9th mo last to labour for the restoration of unity in instances where it has been impaired, now made the following report:

"To the Select Meeting to be held at New-Bedford.

"Dear Friends, We may inform, that we have been unitedly engaged in attending to the object of our appointment, and have had several opportunities with those that appear to be the cause of the disunity manifested in the answers to the Queries, in order to remove and restore to a more harmonious labou^ring together for the honour of Truth, but have with regret to acknowledge that our labours therein have not ^{generally} had the desired effect, and believe that further labour in a capacity of a Committee will not be further useful from us, which we submit to the Meeting,

"Signed on behalf of the Committee, by ~~Isaac Lawrence~~

18th of 3^{mo}. 1831.

Isaac Lawrence,

Sarah Wood."

— which having been read, & claimed the solid attention of Friends, — the further consideration thereof is referred to our Select Prepar. Mtg. to be held in the Oct. next, — & the Committee were encouraged in the mean time to attend to any further openings for labour, should they apprehend the Truth to lead thereto.

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The Queries were read in this Meeting, and answers thereto prepared, were directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting, by our Representatives, who are; Cornelius Howland, Isaac Lawrence, Francis Taber, Rhoda Howland, Abigail Davis, Silvia Grinnell.

It appearing, from what has been opened in this Meeting, at the present, as well as at other times, that unity is not fully maintained by some of our Members, and that there is consequently some obstruction to an harmonious labouring together for Truth's honour, the Subject has been painfully exercising to the minds of Friends, and being deliberately considered, we appoint, Isaac Lawrence, James Tucker, Seth Davis; Sarah Wood, Anna Macomber, and Esther Newitt, to visit such of the Members of this Meeting as way may open for, and labour in the ability that may be afforded, for the restoration of that unity of feeling that has thus been impaired; - and report to our next Meeting.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford, for the M^d. Meetings of Dartmouth, New Bedford and Westport, 19th of 11th m^o. 1830.

The Representatives to our last Select Quarterly Meeting, report that they all attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and answers thereto prepared, were directed to be forwarded to the Select Quarterly Meeting, by our Rep-

representatives, who are, - James Tucker, Joseph Tripp, Francis Taber, Sarah Tucker, Esther Newitt, and Mary Card.

The Committee appointed, as by minute of our last Meeting, to labour for the restoration of unity, in instances where it has been impaired, - made the following report, viz.

" To the Select Preparative Meeting to be held
at New Bedford.

Dear Friends, We a Committee appointed at our last ~~monthly~~ meeting, to confer with Friends in regard to those things complained of in some of our answers to the Queries sent to the Quarterly Meeting, have paid some attention to the object of our appointment. And we apprehend there appeared in some degree a willingness in Friends' minds to cultivate a disposition whereby the disunity might be removed; and that we may be enabled in future by & this right ability, to labour together in love & unity, - (which is so desirable, possessing as we do.) Yet we are aware, that unless this may be the case, there is ground to fear, that instead of things being better, may, if given way to, have a tendency to alienate the mind more and more from the way of Truth.

Signed in Behalf of the Committee,
by James Tucker
Sarah Wood.

which being read, and the subject feelingly considered, - the Committee, - to which Sarah Tucker is now added; is continued to extend further labours herein; as way may open for it, and report at another Meeting.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders, held at New-
Bedford, for the M.^o Meetings of Dartmouth,
New Bedford & Westport, 18th of 3^m. 1831.

The time for which the Clerk was appointed being ex-
pired, the appointment of one to serve for the year
is referred to our next Meeting. — The former Clerk
being continued for this time.

The Representatives to our last Select Quarterly
Meeting, report that they all attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and
the following answers thereto directed to be for-
warded to the Select Quarterly Meeting, by our
Representatives, who are, Obadiah Davis, Joseph
Tripp, Isaac Lawrence, Anna Macomber, Migail Davis,
and Sarah Wood.

It is our conclusion to hold our next Select Pre-
parative Meeting on the third day of the week, suc-
ceeding that in which the Yearly Meeting is held,
if it meet the approbation of the Select Quarterly M^g.

The Committee appointed in the 9th m.^o last, to
labour for the restoration of unity in instances where
it has been impaired, now make the following report,

"To the Select Meeting to be held at New Bedford.

"Dear Friends, We may inform, that we have been
unitedly engaged in attending to the object of our appointm^t
and have had several opportunities with those that appear
to be the cause of disunity manifested by the answers to the Queries
in order to remove and restore to a more harmonious labours together
for the honour of Christ, but have with regret to acknowledge that
our labours therein have not generally had the desired effect, and
believe that further labours in the capacity of a Committee will not
be useful from us, which we submit to the Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Committee, by Isaac Lawrence
Sarah Wood.

18th of 3^m. 1831.

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which having been read, and claimed the soled attention of Friends, — the further consideration thereof is referred to our select Preparative Meetings to be held in the 6th month next — and the Committee were encouraged in the mean time to attend to any further opening for labour, should they apprehend the Truth to lead thence.

Answer. J. m^o 18, 1831.

1. Ministers and Elders are in a good degree careful to attend Meetings for Divine Worship, taking their families with them — also those for Discipline, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable.
2. Those of our ministering Friends who have exercised their gift, appear to have been mostly careful to wait for right ability, and thereby preserved from being burthenome.
3. The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders appear to be in a good measure clean & blameless among men — mostly in unity one with another, & with the Meetings they belong to, so that a good degree of harmonious labour is experienced. — Yet in some instances this unity and harmony of labour are not fully maintained.
4. We endeavour to rule our own houses well, & to bring up our families in plainness, as Truth requires, in dress, language, and true moderation; altho' not always successful herein, and to be good examples in these respects ourselves.
5. We endeavour to be peacemakers in families and in the Church, careful to maintain the Discipline, not screening our own families therefrom, and to administer justice faithfully. — Yet we are sensible that in some instances the fruits of peace are not fully manifest among us.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New-Bedford, for the M^c. Meetings of
Dartmouth, New-Bedford & Westport. 21st of Jan. 1831.
Abraham Shearman, jun^r. is appointed Clerk of this
Meeting for the year ensuing.

The Representatives to our last Select Quarterly
Meeting, report that they all attended.

The queries were read in this Meeting, and
answers thereto prepared, which were directed to be
forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting, by our Rep-
resentatives, who are Joseph Tripp, Cornelius Howland,
Francis Taber, Mary Card, Sarah Tucker, & Susan
Howland.

The Committee appointed in the 9th m^c. last, and
continued as by minute of our last Meeting, reported
some further attention to the objects of their appointment,
and are still continued to extend such further labour
as way may open for, and report at a future meeting.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New-
Bedford, for the M^c. Meetings of Dartmouth, N.
Bedford & Westport. 16th of Jan^r. 1831.

The Clerk being absent, James Tucker is appointed Clerk
for this time.

It appears that our Representatives
appointed to attend our Select Q^r. M^c. all attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and
answers thereto prepared, and directed to be forwarded
to the Quarterly Meeting by our Representatives, who are
Joseph Tripp, James Tucker, Cornelius Howland, Esther
Newitt, Ruth Davis, and Elizabeth Tripp, who are
requested to report their attendance at our next Meeting.

James Tucker, Clerk for the day.

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At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders, held at New-
Bedford, for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth,
New Bedford & Westport, 18th of 11th mo. 1831.

The Friends named to attend our last Select Quarterly Meeting, as Representatives, report, that they all attended, except Ruth Davis, who has rendered a satisfactory reason for her non-attendance.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and answers thereto prepared, were directed to be forwarded to the Select Quarterly Meeting, by our Representatives, who are, Obadiah Davis, Isaac Lawrence, James Tucker, Rhoda Howland, Anna Macomber & Esther Newitt.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders,
(held as above,) 16th of 3rd Mo. 1832

The Representatives to our last Select Quarterly Meeting, report that they all attended, except Esther Newitt, whose attendance was prevented by indisposition.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and answers thereto prepared, were directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting, by our Representatives, who are, Seth Davis, Francis Taber, James Tucker, Silvia Grinnell, Sarah Tucker, and Anna Macomber.

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Answers to the Queries, 3m^o 1833.

1. Ministers and Elders are mostly careful to attend their Meetings for worship, bringing their families with them; also to attend Meetings for Discipline, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

2. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts, we believe endeavour to wait for right ability, and are not burthensome that we know of.

3. The lives and conversation of ministers and Elders appear to be in a good degree clean and blameless amongst men. — We are mostly in unity one with another and with the meetings we belong to, so that a good degree of harmonious labour is experienced — Yet there appears to be some falling short herein.

4. A concern we believe is maintained to rule our own houses well; to bring up our families in a good degree as queried, and to be exemplary herein; yet we believe that more watchfulness in these respects is desirable.

5. The members of this Meeting we believe are mostly endeavouring to be peace-makers in families and in the Church; also to maintain the Discipline, and to administer justice faithfully.

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At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford, for the Monthly Meetings of
Dartmouth, N. Bedford & Westport. 22^d of 6.m. 1832

The time for which the Clerk was appointed being ex-
pired, Mr. M. Shoarman, jun^r is appointed Clerk of this
Meeting for the year ensuing.

The Representatives to our last Select Quarterly
Meeting, report that they all attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting—and
answers thereto agreed on—which were directed to be
forwarded to the ensuing Select Quarterly Meeting,
by our Representatives, who are Corn^t Howland,
Isaac Lawrence, James Tucker, Abigail Davis,
and Anna Macomber.

Our beloved friend Hannah Chapman Backhouse,
of Great-Britain has been very acceptably with us
at the present time.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders,
(held as above.) 21st of 7.m. 1832.

The Representatives to our last Select Quarterly Meeting,
report, that they all attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and
answers thereto prepared, were directed to be for-
warded to the ensuing Select Quarterly M^t. By our
Representatives, who are, Seth Davis, Samuel Shade,
Joseph Tripp, Ruth Davis, Esther Newitt and
Hannah Shade.

The Committee appointed by this Meeting,
as by minutes of 9th & 11th mos 1830, to labour for
the restoration of unity in instances wherein it had

been impaired, made a report accompanied by an acknowledgment, which being read, and deliberately and feelingly considered, it was concluded to refer the further consideration of the subject, to our meeting in the 11th mo. next. And the case in the mean time, continued under the care of the Committee.

Our beloved friend Hannah C. Buckhouse, of Great Britain, has again been very acceptably with us.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford, for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, & Dedford, and Westport, 16th of 11th mo. 1832.

The Representatives to our last Select Quarterly Meeting report, that they all attended except one, whose absence we are informed was occasioned by want of health.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and answers thereto prepared, were directed to be forwarded to the next Select Quarterly Meeting, by our Representatives, who are, Obadiah Davis, James Tucker, Francis Taler, Mary Davis, Mary Card, and Abigail Davis.

The report and acknowledgment presented at our last Meeting, was again read, and after some consideration of the subject, it was concluded to adjourn this Meeting to Sixth-day, the 14th of the ensuing month, then to meet at the 11th hour in the morning, — And the case was continued till then, under the care of the Committee.

[See over.]

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At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford
for the M^o. Meetings of Dartmouth, New Bedford
and Westport, according to adjournment,
14th of 12m^o. 1832.

The following report of the Committee presented to
this Meeting in the 9th m^o. was again read, viz.

"To the Select Meeting

Dear Friends, We have paid attention to the
object of our appointment, and can now inform, that
recently we have been encouraged to believe that way
is open for reconciliation and a restoration of love
and unity, we hope on right ground, whereby harmony
in labour for the honour of truth may again be ex-
perienced.

From your friends, James Tucker,

Isaac Lawrence,

Seth Davis,

Anna Macomber

Esther Newitt

Sarah Tucker,

Sarah Wood.

Jan^o. 21, 1832.

And the Meeting was further informed by the Committee
that they have recently had another opportunity with
Deborah Otis, to a good degree of satisfaction. —
And the acknowledgment as now presented, having
been read, the subject claimed the solid and feeling
consideration of Friends, and resulted in the con-
clusion to release the Committee from further at-
tention to the case, and to accept the acknowledg-
ment offered — which is as follows: —

"To the Select Preparative Meeting.

"Dear Friends, It seems right for me to acknowl-
edge to you, as well as to others concerned, that

of better times, I have been favoured to see, more clearly than before, that in time past, this weakness, and want of greater self-reduction, as well as from want of a closer attention to that which would have rightly directed, & preserved ~~me~~ from a misguided zeal, I have erred, and given occasion, and transgressed the good and wholesome order of the Society, in judging and censuring some of my Friends, tending to interrupt the peace & harmony of the Society, which I condemn, and desired my friends to overlook, and receive me into unity again.

From your Friend,

New Bedford, 5th of 12^{mo}. 1832. Deborah Otis."

The Friends who composed the Committee were requested to call on Deborah Otis, and inform her of the conclusion of the Meeting, and to endeavour to spread before her, as way may open for it, the exercises that have prevailed the minds of Friends while deliberating on this subject; and our friends Jonathan and Hannah C. Backhouse, of Great-Britain, who have been very acceptably with us at the present time, and who have entered deeply into feeling with us on this occasion, were encouraged, if they felt freedom therefor, to unite with the Committee in the visit now proposed to be made.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New-Bedford, for the M.^o M.^o of Dartmouth, N. Bedford & Westport, 22nd of 3rd mo. 1833.

James Tucker on behalf of the Representatives to our last Select Quarterly Meeting, reports that they all attended. The Queries were read in this Meeting, and answers thereto prepared, were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Select Quarterly Meeting,

by our Representatives, who are, Seth Davis, Abraham Shearman, jun. James Tucker, Sarah Tucker, Anna Macomber, and Mary Davis.

It was concluded that our Select Preparative Meeting, in the sixth month, should be held in future, on the first sixth day in that month — if it be agreeable to the Select Quarterly Meeting, that it should be so held.

— Answer, Jan^y 1833. —

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New-
Bedford, for the M^o M^{ys} of Dartmouth, New-
Bedford & Westport, 7th of 6m^o 1833.

The time for which the Clerk was appointed, having
expired, Abraham Shearman, jun^r is appointed Clerk
of this Meeting for the year ensuing.

The Representatives to our last Select Quarterly
Meeting report, that they all attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and
Answers thereto prepared, were directed to be for-
warded to the ensuing Select Quarterly Meeting, by
our Representatives, who are, Cornelius Howland,
Francis Taber, James Tucker, Abigail Davis, Mary
Davis, and Susan Howland.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders,
(held as above.) 20th of 9m^o 1833.

The Representatives to our last Select Quarterly M^y.
report that they all attended, except Susan Howland,
whose attendance was prevented by indisposition in
her family.

The Queries were read in this Meeting. Answers
thereto prepared, were directed to be forwarded to the
Select Quarterly Meeting, by our representatives,
who are, Joseph Davis, Isaac Lawrence, James Tucker,
Ruth Davis, Grace Davis, Silvia Ginnell & Mary Davis.

Our friend Jabez Greene, of Cornwall Monthly
Meeting, State of New York, has been acceptably
with us at the present time.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford, for the M.^cM.^s of Dartmouth,
New Bedford, & Westport, 22^d of 11m^o: 1833--
The Representatives to our last Select Quarterly
Meeting, report, that they all attended, except
Silvia Grinnell, for whose non-attendance a
satisfactory reason was given.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and
answers thereto prepared were directed to be forwarded
to the ensuing Select Quarterly Meeting, by our Rep-
resentatives to which service we appoint Seth Davis,
Francis Taber, Samuel Shade, Mary Card, Han-
nah Shade, and Tabitha Gifford.

At a Meeting of Ministers and Elders,
(held as above,) 21st of 3^d M^o: 1834.
The Representatives to our last Select Quarterly
Meeting, report, that they all attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting,
and answers thereto prepared, were directed to be
forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of
Ministers and Elders, by our Representatives,
who are, John R. Davis, James Tucker, Cornelius
Howland - Abigail Davis, Mary Davis, & Grace
Davis.

1. Ministers & Elders are careful to attend their Meetings for Divine Worship, bringing their Families with them - also those for Discipline, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

2. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are in good degree careful to wait for right ability, and are thereby preserved from being burdensome.

3. A concern we believe is maintained by Ministers and Elders, that their lives and conversation may be clean and blameless amongst men. - One mostly in unity one with another, and with the Meetings they belong to; and are endeavouring to labour harmoniously together for truth's honour.

4. ~~We endeavour to be peace-makers in families~~
~~and in~~ There appears to be a good concern amongst us to rule our own houses well, and to bring up our families in plainness & moderation, and to be good examples herein.

5. We endeavour to be peace-makers in families and in the Church; to maintain the Discipline; not screening our own families therefrom, and to administer justice faithfully.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford, for the Monthly Meetings
of Dartmouth, New Bedford & Westport,
6th of 6th m^o 1834.

The Clerk being absent. James Tucker is appointed
Clerk for the time.

The Representatives to our last Select Quarterly
Meetings, report, that they all attended
except one, for whose absence a satisfactory
reason was assigned.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and
answers thereto prepared, which answers are directed
to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of
Ministers & Elders, next to be held at Nantucket,
by our Representatives, who are, Joseph Davis, Cornelius
Howland, James Tucker, Amos Shale, Silvia Grinnell
& Mary Davis. — to report to our next Meeting.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders, (held as above)

10th of 9th m^o 1834
The term for which the Clerk was appointed having
expired, Ab^m. Shearman, jun^r is appointed Clerk of
this Meeting for the year ensuing.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and an-
swers thereto agreed on, which were directed to be for-
warded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers
and Elders to be held at Sandwich.

Isaac Lawrence, Cornelius Howland, Abraham
Shearman, Jr. Silvia Grinnell, Ruth Davis, Abigail Davis,
and Mary Davis are appointed our Representatives to S^t.
Meeting, and requested to report in the 11th m^o next.

At a Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at
New Bedford, for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth,
New Bedford, & Westport.

21st of 11th mo. 1834

The Representatives to our last Select Quarterly Meeting, report that they all attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and answers thereto prepared, were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, by our Representatives, — to which service we appoint Samuel Glade, John R. Davis, Seth Davis, Mary Card, Anna Macomber, & Sarah Wood.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders, (held as above)
20th of 3d Mo. 1835.

The Representatives to our last Select Quarterly Meeting, report that they all attended, except two, for whose absence a satisfactory reason has been now given.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and answers thereto agreed on, which were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, by our representatives, who are Seth Davis, James Tucker, Isaac Lawrence, Grace Davis, Susan Howland, and Mary Card.

A Committee to consider of suitable Friends for Elders — James Tucker, Mr. Shearman, Mr. Samuel Glade, James Tuber, Grace Davis, Sarah Wood, Esther Newell, Silvia Grinnall. &c.

Answers to the Queries, 3^m: 1835.

At a Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at
 New-Bedford, for the Monthly Meetings of
 Dartmouth, New-Bedford & Westport,
 5th of 6th Mo. 1835.

James Tucker on behalf of the Representatives to our
 last Select Quarterly Meeting reports that they all
 attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and
 answers thereto were directed to be forwarded to the
 Quarterly Meeting of Ministers next to be held at
 Nantucket, by our Representatives to that Meeting,
 - to which service we appoint Francis Taber,
 Samuel Shado, Joseph Davis, Mary Howland, Susan
 Howland, and Abigail Davis.

(At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders, held as above.)
 18th of 9th mo. 1835.

The time for which the Clerk was appointed
 having expired, Abraham Shearman, junr. was appointed
 to that service for the year ensuing.

Francis Taber, on behalf of the Representatives
 to our last Select Quarterly Meeting, reports that
 they all attended, except one - for whose non-attendance
 a satisfactory reason is now given.

The Queries were read, and answers thereto pre-
 pared, were directed to be forwarded to the ensuing
 Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders, by our
 Representatives, who are John B. Davis, Ab^m Shearman, Jr.
 Isaac Lawrence, Mary Howland, Ruth Davis, Grace
 Davis, and Esther Newell.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford, for the M^o Meetings of Dartmouth
New Bedford & Westport.

20th of 11th M^o 1835.

John R. Davis on behalf of the Representatives to
our last Select Quarterly Meeting, reports that
they all attended.

The Queries were read, and answers thereto
prepared were directed to be forwarded to the
ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders
by our Representatives, who are James Tucker,
Francis Taber, Samuel Shedd, Sarah Tucker, Mary
Card, Anna Macomber.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders, (held as above.)
18th of 3^d M^o 1836.

Francis Taber on behalf of the Representative
to our last Select Quarterly Meeting, reports that they
all attended except one, for whose non-attendance
a satisfactory reason was given.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, & the
annexed Answers thereto were directed to be for-
warded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Min-
isters and Elders, by our Representatives, — to
which service we appoint Abraham Russell, John
R. Davis, Abraham Shearman, jun^r. Susan Howland
Grace Davis, Mary Taber.

Answers

Answers to the Queries, 3m: 1836.

1. Ministers & Elders are in good measure careful to attend their Meetings for Divine Worship, bringing their Families with them; also those for Discipline, encouraging such of their Families to this duty as are suitable.
2. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts we believe endeavour to wait for right ability, and are preserved from being burthensome.
3. The lives and conversation of ministers and elders are in good measure clean & blameless amongst men — they are in unity one with another, and as far as appears, with the meetings they belong to, and endeavouring harmoniously to labour together for Truth's honour.
4. They are in good degree endeavouring to rule their own houses well, and to bring up their Families in plainness & moderation as Truth requires, and to be exemplary therein themselves.
5. A concern appears to be maintained, to promote peace in families, and in the church; to support the Discipline, not screening their own families therefrom, and to administer justice faithfully.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford, for the 4th Meetings of Dart-
mouth, New Bedford & Westport,

3^d of 6th m^o 1836.

The Representatives to our last Select Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and the annexed Answers thereto were directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, to be held at Nantucket in the 7th month, — and Abraham Russell, Samuel Sturde, Seth Davis, Mary Howland, Barbara Gifford and Mary Card are appointed our Representatives to that Meeting.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders, (held as above),
16th of 9th m^o 1836.

The Clerk being absent, James Tucker is appointed Clerk for this time.

The Representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, report that they all attended except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and answers thereto were directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders next to be held at Sandwich, by our Representatives, who are, James Tucker, Joseph Davis, Isaac Lawrence, Mary Tates, Mary Howland, Phoebe Tripp, and Esther Hewitt.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford, for the M^o Meetings of Dartmouth,
New Bedford, and Westport,

18th of 11th m^o 1836.

The time for which the Clerk of this Meeting was
appointed being expired, Mr^m Shearman, jun^r is
appointed Clerk for the year ensuing.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly
Meeting of Ministers and Elders, report that
they all attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and
answers thereto prepared were directed to be for-
warded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Min-
isters and Elders, by our Representatives, who are, —
Mr^m Davis, Seth Davis, Samuel Shade, Mary Cad,
Anna Macomber, Abigail Davis, Mary Davis.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders, (held as above.)
17th of 3^o m^o 1837.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting
of Ministers & Elders report, that they all attended
except one, whose attendance was prevented by in-
disposition.

The Queries were read in this Meeting,
and answers thereto prepared, which were directed
to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers
and Elders, next to be held at New Bedford —
and the following Friends are named to attend said
Meeting, as Representatives from this, viz. Isaac
Lawrence, Mr^m Russell, Francis Taber, Ruth Davis,
Rhoda Hawland, Barbara Gifford.

Answers to the Queries, 3^m: 1837.

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Ans. 1st. We think careful to attend our Meetings for Divine Worship, and to bring our families with us, and likewise to attend Meetings for discipline, encouraging such of our families to the duty as are suitable.

Ans. 2^d. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts we think endeavour to wait for Divine ability, and we believe are thereby generally preserved from being burthened.

Ans. 3^d. The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders we think mostly clean and blameless amongst Men. Unity with each other, and Meetings we belong to, not so fully maintained by some as would be desirable. We mostly harmonise together for Truths Honour. —

Ans. 4th. We believe there is a concern to rule our own Houses well, and to bring ^{up} our families in that plainness that Truth requires, and to be exemplary as to be ~~exemplary~~ in these respects ~~ourselves~~.

Ans. 5th. We think there is a concern resting on our minds generally to be peace makers in families and in the Church, The maintaining the discipline and not ~~sermon~~ ~~ing~~ our own families therefrom. —
N.B. Turn Over

and administering justice faithfully we
trust mostly attended to. —————

Some care extended in the before named
deficiencies
~~the same~~ —————

At a Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at
New Bedford, for the M^o Meetings of Dartmouth,
New Bedford and Westport,

2^d of 6th mo. 1837.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting of
Ministers and Elders, report, that they all attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and
ans^{rs} were thereto approved, — which were directed to
be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers
and Elders, next to be held at Nantucket, — by our
Representatives, — who are, — Seth Davis, Samuel
Shadle, Mr.^s Shearman, jun^r. Abigail Davis, Susan
Howland, and Silvia Grinnell.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders, (held as above) /
22^d of 9th mo. 1837.

The Clerk being absent, James Tucker is ap-
pointed Clerk for the time.

The Representatives appointed to attend our last
Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders at Nantucket,
report, that they all attended except one, for whose
absence a satisfactory reason was given.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and
answers thereto considered, which are directed to be
forwarded to the Quarterly M^g. of Ministers and
Elders next to be held at Sandwich. By our
Representatives, who are, Isaac Lawrence, Joseph Davis,
Samuel Shadle, Warren Gifford, Mary Davis, Barbara
Gifford, and Mary Taber, who are desired to report
their attendance at our next Meeting.

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At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford for the M^o. Meetings of Dartmouth
New Bedford & Westport, 17th of 11th m^o. 1837.

The time for which the Clerk was appointed having
expired, Ab^m. Shearman, jun^r is appointed Clerk for
the year ensuing.

The Friends appointed to attend our last
Quarterly M^o. of Ministers and Elders, as Repre-
sentatives, report, that they all attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting,
and answers thereto prepared were directed to be for-
warded to the ensuing Quarterly M^o. of Ministers
and Elders, by our Representatives, — who are, —
Francis Taber, Ab^m. Russell, Ab^m. Davis, Mary Doty,
Anna Macomber, and Grace Davis.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders, held as above,
16th of 3rd m^o. 1838.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly M^o.
of Ministers and Elders, report that they all attended,
except one.

The Queries were read in this Meeting,
and answers thereto prepared, were directed to be
forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of Minis-
ters and Elders, by our friends Joseph Davis, Samuel
Shade, Warren Gifford, Ruth Davis, Hannah Shade
and Barbara Gifford, who are appointed our
Representatives to said Meeting.

1. Ministers & Elders we believe are careful to attend their Meetings for Divine Worship, bringing their families with them; also those for Discipline, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

2. We believe that Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are in good measure careful to wait for Divine ability, and are preserved from being burthensome.

3. The lives and conversation of Ministers & Elders appear to be in good measure clean and blameless amongst men; unity one with another, and with the Meetings we belong to, are preserved; and are in a good degree concerned, harmoniously to labour together for Truth's honour.

4. Endeavours are used to rule our own houses well, and to bring up our families in plainness and moderation, in good degree as truth requires, and to be exemplary therein ourselves. — Yet we are sensible that all is not accomplished in these respects that would be desirable.

5. A good degree of concern appears to be maintained to be peace-makers in families and in the church; to maintain the Discipline — not to screen their own families therefrom; and to administer justice faithfully.

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At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford, for the M^c Meetings of Dartmouth,
New Bedford & Westport.

1st of 6th M^c 1838.

From the report of the Representatives to
our last Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders,
it appears that they all attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting,
and answers thereto agreed on, were directed to be
forwarded to the Quarterly M^c of Ministers and
Elders next to be held at Nantucket, by our
friends Barnabas Taber, Seth Davis, Abraham
Shearman, J^r Mary Davis, Mary Taber, and Anna
Macomber, who are appointed our Representatives
to that Meeting.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders, (held as above,)
1st of 9th M^c 1838.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly M^c
of Ministers & Elders, report, that they all attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and
answers thereto prepared were directed to be for-
warded to the Quarterly M^c of Ministers and
Elders next to be held at Sandwich, by our
friends James Tucker, Barn^s Taber, Abraham
Davis, Ruth Davis, Abigail Davis, & Hannah Stade,
who are appointed our Representatives to that
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At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford, for the M^c. Meetings of Dartm?
New Bedford & Westport,

16th of 11th M^c. 1838.

The time for which the Clerk of this Meeting was
appointed, having expired, Abraham Shearman, jun.
is appointed to that service for the year ensuing.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly M^c.
of Ministers & Elders, report that they all attended,
except one. The Queries were read in this Meeting,
and a summary of answers prepared, and directed
to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers
& Elders ^{next} to be held at New Bedford — by our friends
Warren Gifford, Francis Taber, Seth Davis, Mary
Card, Anna Macomber and Mary Taber, — who are
appointed our Representatives to that Meeting.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders, (held as above)
22^d of 3^d M^c. 1839.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly
M^c. of Ministers & Elders, report that they all attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and
answers thereto agreed on, which were directed
to be forwarded to the Quarterly M^c. of Ministers and
Elders, next to be held at New Bedford, by our
Representatives to that Meeting, who are, James
Tucker, Barnabas Taber, Samuel Wade, Ruth Davis,
Mary Taber, and Sarah Wood.

Answers to the Queries, 3^m. 1839.

At a Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at
~~Dartmouth~~ New Bedford for the M^o Meetings
 of Dartmouth, New Bedford & Westport.

7th of 6th m^o 1839.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly M^y. of
 Ministers & Elders report, that they all attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and
 answers thereto prepared, were directed to be for-
 forwarded to the Quarterly M^y. of Ministers & Elders
 next to be held at Nantucket, by our friends,
 Isaac Lawrence, Francis Taber, James Tucker,
 Mary Card, Anna Macomber, Ruth Davis, who
 are appointed our Representatives to that Meeting.

At a Meeting of Ministers and Elders, (held as above,
 20th of 9th m^o 1839.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly M^y.
 report, that they all attended, except two, for
 whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and
 a summary of Answers thereto prepared, was
 directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly M^y.
 of Ministers and Elders, next to be held at
 Sandwich, by our friends, — Barnabas Taber,
 Seth Davis, Samuel Shade, Hannah Shade,
 Barbara Gifford, Mary Taber, who are ap-
 pointed our Representatives to said Meeting.

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At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at
New Bedford, for the M^o. Meetings of Dartmouth,
New Bedford, & Westport,
22^d of 11th M^o 1839.

The time for which the Clerk of this Meeting was
appointed having expired, Mr. Shearman, jun^r is ap-
pointed to that service for the year ensuing.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly
Meeting report, that they all attended, except one,
for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and
answers thereto prepared, were directed to be for-
warded to the Quarterly M^g. of Ministers & Elders
next to be held at New Bedford, for Sandwich, by
our friends Joseph Davis, Abraham Russell, Barnabas
Tabor, Abigail Davis, Mary Card & Barbara Gifford,
who are appointed our Representatives to said Meeting.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New-
Bedford, for the M^o. Meetings of Dartmouth, New-
Bedford & Westport, 20th of 3^d M^o 1840.
The Representatives to our last Quarterly M^g. report,
that they all attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and answers
thereto prepared were directed to be forwarded to the
Quarterly M^g. of Ministers and Elders, next to be held
at New Bedford, by our friends Seth Davis, Barnabas
Tabor, Samuel Shute, Mary Tabor, Anna Macomber,
and Mary Card, who are appointed our Representa-
tives to that meeting.

Answers to the Queries. — 3^d Mo. 1840.

1. Ministers and Elders appear careful to attend their Meetings for Divine Worship, and also those for Discipline, — when in health; — and we believe encourage their families in the performance of these duties.

2. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts we believe endeavour to wait for divine ability, & are preserved from being burthensome.

3. The lives and conversation of Ministers & Elders are, we trust, in good measure clean & blameless amongst men — in unity one with another, and as far as appears, with the Meetings they belong to, and are concerned harmoniously to labour together for truth's honour.

4. We endeavour to rule our own houses well, and to bring up our families in plainness & moderation, & to be good examples in these respects ourselves.

5. We endeavour to be peace makers in families and in the Church, also to maintain the Discipline, not sparing our own families therefrom, and to administer justice faithfully.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at New Bedford for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, New Bedford & Waukeget, 5th of 6^m. 1840.

Seth Davis, on behalf of the Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting, reports, that they all attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and answers thereto united with, and directed to be forwarded to our Quarterly Mtg. of Ministers and Elders, next to be held at Nantucket. By our friends, Francis Taber, James Tucker, Abⁿ. Russell, Mary Taber, Susan Howland, Annanah Slave, who are appointed our Representatives to S. Meeting.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders, held
at New Bedford for the M^o. Meetings
of Dartmouth, New Bedford & Westport,
— 18th of 11th m^o. 1840.

James Tucker, on behalf of the Representatives
to our last Select Quarterly Meeting, reports,
that they all attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and
Answers thereto prepared, were directed to be
forwarded to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting of
Ministers and Elders, to be held at Sandwich;
and have appointed as Representatives to said
Meeting, our friends, Joseph Davis, Isaac Lawrence
Ab^m Davis, Abigail Davis, Barbara Gifford, and
Mary Davis.

At a Meeting of Ministers & Elders,
(held as above,) 20th of 11 m^o. 1840.

The time for which the Clerk was appointed, being ex-
pired, Ab^m Shearman, jun^r is re-appointed to that service
for the year ensuing.

Joseph Davis on behalf of the Representatives
to our last Select Quarterly Meeting reports
that they all attended.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and
answers thereto agreed on were directed to be forwarded
to the Quarterly M^g. of Ministers and Elders,
next to be held at New Bedford for Sandwich
to which Meeting we have appointed as Representatives
our friends, James Tucker, Barn^d Taber, Sam^l E. Shadle,
Hannah Shadle, Susan Howland, and Anna Macomber,
Who are requested to report to our next Meeting.

